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Marcos supporters carry posters of him during a march to a border town of Maladaya, north of Manila.



Enrile greets Marcos supporters who marched to Manila yesterday. (Reuters wirephotos)

## Demo in Bulgaria

SOFIA, Nov 3, (Reuters): More than 4,000 Bulgarians, many shouting "democracy" and "glasnost", demonstrated outside government headquarters today.

The crowd joined a short march organised by the unofficial ecology group Eco-glasnost to hand in a petition on environmental problems to government officials.

Uniformed police ringed the square in central Sofia but did not intervene as six Eco-glasnost members delivered the petition, the first of its kind in 45 years.

The crowd dispersed peacefully after 15 minutes.

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Kuwait: 30°C 86°F

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Falaka: 29°C 84°F

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 51 per cent

Ahmad: 48 per cent

Falaka: 48 per cent

## 25,000 ask for home burial

MANILA, Nov 3, (AP): Thousands of people pushed past police barricades today and rallied outside a military post, demanding that the body of Ferdinand Marcos be returned home for burial.

At the start of protests, a crowd estimated by police at about 25,000 gathered to denounce President Corason Aquino for blocking the return of Marcos' body. It was the largest show of support for the former president in years.

The protest took place on the eve of Aquino's departure for Canada and the United States, where she hopes to convince businessmen that the Philippines is a stable country for investment.

Among those participating at the anti-government rally were Vice President Salvador Laurel, Senator Juan Ponce Enrile and former officials of the Marcos administration.

Afterward, protesters defied police orders and marched to Camp Crane, headquarters of the Philippine constabulary military police force, and nearby Camp Aguinaldo, the armed forces headquarters.

Police blocked the road about three kilometres (a mile) from the camps, but the protesters pushed through, and about 15,000 reached the gate of Camp Crane.

Brig. Gen Rodolfo Biazon, chief of the national capital region defence command, agreed to let them hold a rally at the gate because he said the crowd was too big to be dispersed.

Armed troops stood guard. Several fire trucks were brought into the garrison, apparently to disperse protesters if they tried to storm the camp.

Riot police on one truck flashed the "V-for-victory" sign, associated in the Philippines with the Marcos movement. Marcos supporters chanted "thank you, thank you."

Marcos died Sept 28 in Honolulu, where he had lived since being ousted in a 1986 civilian-military uprising.

In a statement broadcast by pro-Marcos radio station DZEC, the late president's son, Ferdinand Jr, said the demonstration was a reaction to the "arrogance of the Aquino administration."

The crowd cheered wildly as Laurel asked: "Do you agree that Marcos' body must be allowed home?"

"It is now very clear what the people want," Laurel said. "You are a very powerful force. The government must follow the people's will. If not, you know what to do."

The start of the protests in the suburb of Quezon City climaxed an 11-day march from Marcos' home province, Ilocos Norte, to demand that Aquino allow his body to be returned from exile in Hawaii and buried in the Philippines.

# Blasts amid Aoun threat

BEIRUT, Nov 3, (AP): Three bombs exploded outside the homes of three Christian legislators today as Christian leader Gen. Michel Aoun threatened to dissolve Parliament if it convened to ratify a peace plan without his approval.

The blasts wounded a woman outside the residence of Parliament Deputy Michel Khazen in Jounieh, in the Christian heartland north of Beirut.

The explosions outside the homes of

deputies August Bakhos and Salem Abdel Nour in the East Beirut districts of Jdeideh and Badaro, caused no casualties, police said.

The three deputies are in Paris along with 25 colleagues from the Christian heartland who have refused to return home after endorsing the Arab League-brokered peace accord during a special parliament session in Saudi Arabia last month.

The blasts occurred within an hour after Aoun ended a news conference at his residence in the bunker of the shell-ravaged Baabda presidential palace.

He said: "I ask the legislators not to commit the final and major mistake. I ask them not to take part in the parliamentary session. Let them take their time. Let them come here and let's discuss the document."

"Parliament will be dissolved before the meeting gets under way if they tried to pass

the document without discussing what they have done with me," said Aoun, who heads the Christian cabinet in Lebanon's dual government.

Arab League mediator Lakhdar Brahimi said today Lebanon's Parliament has been forced to seek a new meeting place for the crucial session planned tomorrow under the Arab peace plan.

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## Benazir to shuffle as 6 die in Sind

KARACHI, Nov 3, (AP): Six people have been shot to death in two of Pakistan's southern cities, police said today, despite round-the-clock patrolling following a government crisis earlier this week.

Police said four of the killings were in Karachi and two in Hyderabad, 100 miles (160 kms) to the northeast. At least eight people were wounded, they said.

Authorities said it was uncertain how many of the shootings were related to an unsuccessful no-confidence vote in parliament on Wednesday against Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

One teen-age boy was fatally shot by police when a group of youths threw stones at them, officers said. Another shooting apparently involved a business dispute, but the rest reportedly were the work of snipers.

Authorities have banned demonstrations and increased patrols in both cities since early in the week to prevent any violence over the government crisis.

Authorities had feared the natives would seek revenge against the Mohajirs for abandoning the Benazir government.

Benazir, a day after surviving an opposition attempt to unseat her, yesterday dismissed a cabinet reshuffle, sources said.

"Today, she's taking serious stock of her government," said one Pakistan People's Party source on condition of anonymity. Other sources said a change of portfolios could occur within a week.

"She's been very busy with party affairs," said her spokesman, Shah Jahan Karim.

Karim acknowledged the prime minister was considering cabinet changes, but said, "I don't think it will be a major reshuffle."

Benazir, 36, met for three hours with members of her People's Party who serve in the 237-seat National Assembly.

A source who attended yesterday's meeting, said the consensus of her Assembly members was that she should get rid of officials who don't hold elective office.

"Most of the MNAs (Members of the National Assembly) lashed out at the working and behaviour of some of her ministers, their dealings with the people," the source said.

## Eight beheaded in Saudi Arabia

NICOSIA, Nov 3, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia beheaded eight people, including two Pakistanis, today for rape, murder or drug-trafficking.

The Saudi Press Agency, monitored in Cyprus, quoted an Interior Ministry statement as saying the Pakistanis, Mohamed Dastan Aslam Khan and Taj Ali Khan, were executed in Jeddah for smuggling heroin into the kingdom.

The statement said six men were beheaded in other parts of the country after being convicted of murder or rape. It did not specify their nationality.

# Gandhi all out for Hindu vote

Congress to face united opposition in most seats

FAIZABAD, India, Nov 3, (Agencies): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi today launched his party's campaign for this month's general election with a direct appeal to India's overwhelming Hindu population.

Addressing 80,000 people in a North Indian field, Rajiv promised to restore a mythical Hindu kingdom of perfection under the deity Ram, if his Congress Party won the polls on Nov 22, 24 and 26.

"We will bring back Ram rajya (kingdom of Ram) if you vote for the Congress," he said.

More than 200 people have been killed in recent Hindu-Muslim violence in northern India.

"Communal forces have come up now and these need to be curbed with a heavy hand," he said in a warning to the Hindu militants who are backed by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

The BJP has agreed with other major opposition parties to put up single joint candidates against the Congress in most of the seats for polls to the 545-member Lok Sabha, the lower house of Parliament.

The opposition's agreement on seats has made the poll a close contest and forced Rajiv to make the appeal to the Hindus, political analysts said.

Muslims number about 100 million out of India's 800 millions.

Rajiv admitted the importance of the Muslim minority by appealing to the crowd to set aside narrow feelings of religion and consider themselves Indians first.

But he conceded the importance of the Hindu vote with the appeal for Ram rajya, the analysts said. He needs Hindu support in a large measure to counter the threat of the joint opposition candidates in the electorally crucial northern Hindi-speaking belt and especially Uttar Pradesh state, they said.

Rajiv himself is contesting from the Uttar Pradesh constituency of Aunthi, where he faces Rajmohan Gandhi, a grandson of Mahatma Gandhi (and no relation to the prime minister) and a third candidate, a prominent leader of India's outcaste Harijan community.

Press Trust of India quoted senior opposition leaders as saying they had agreed on consensus candidates to oppose Congress Party nominees for about 412 of the 545 seats in the Lok Sabha.

The unity did not last and India swept back to power in mid-term polls called in 1980.

PTI said Mohammed Shafi Bhat was returned unopposed from the Srinagar constituency in the northern state of Jammu-Kashmir, after the withdrawal of poll nominations ended Thursday.

The Janata Dal has succeeded in seeking support of many Muslim leaders and organisations.

Some of the Muslim leaders have entered into electoral adjustment with the Janata Dal.

Janata Dal chief V.P. Singh and Haryana Chief Minister Devi Lal assured the Muslim leaders that their party would remain committed to secularism and would protect interests of the minorities. The Janata leaders also promised them that they will not make any joint campaign with the BJP.

A bomb blast yesterday in a New Delhi slum killed three people, including a five-year-old girl, and wounded 20, a police spokesman said.

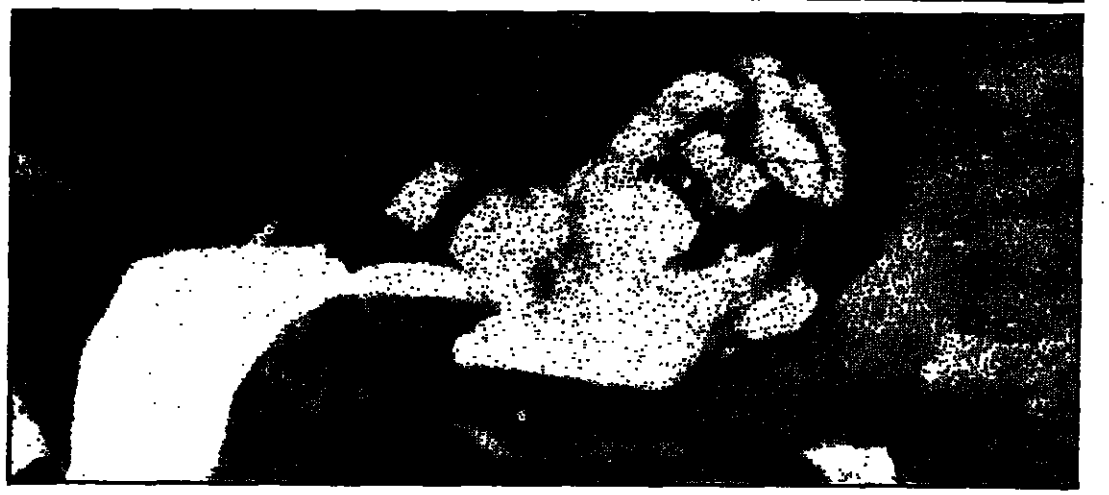
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Congress and bring it to power," Rajiv said in a speech delivered in the northern town in Uttar Pradesh state.

Rajiv said Faizabad was selected because of its links to India's two main religious groups — Hindus and Muslims, and also because of a threat of sectarian violence.

"Faizabad and (nearby) Ayodhya are linked to India's history and heritage," said Rajiv.

The speech was made in a field six km (four miles) away from Ayodhya, where Hindu militants plan to start building on Tuesday a shrine at a spot they believe is Ram's birthplace. But the site already holds a historic mosque and Muslims say they will resist the attempt.



Palestinian martyr

The Arab group said yesterday it was requesting an immediate meeting of the UN Security Council on the situation in the Israeli-occupied territories, scene of a 23-month-long Palestinian uprising.

In a statement the group referred to the 'gravity of the situation' in the aftermath of a six-week Israeli Army siege

of the village of Beit Sahour, near Bethlehem. The village was cordoned off after inhabitants refused to pay taxes.

Picture shows the body of a teenager displayed after he was shot by Israeli soldiers during a clash yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Tension high in India Vow to build temple

NEW DELHI, Nov 3, (Reuters): Fundamentalist Hindus said today they would proceed with plans to build a temple at the disputed north Indian site of a 16th century mosque, a move which could provoke further communal violence ahead of general elections this month.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party as well as most opposition groups, looking for votes from India's 100 million Muslims in this month's election, had urged the fundamentalists to postpone their plans.

But Badri Prasad Toshniwal, a leader of the World Hindu Organisation, told a news conference 10,000 Hindus would gather at Ayodhya in north India and lay the foundation stone of the temple on Nov 9.

The ceremony is certain to heighten tension between

Hindus and Muslims. At least 200 people have been killed in recent clashes between the two communities.

Although Rajiv's party rules Uttar Pradesh state where the mosque is located, a party spokesman in New Delhi would not say whether the construction would be banned.

Hindus say the mosque was built in the 16th century by Emperor Babar, the founder of the Moghul dynasty in India, after he demolished a temple at the site.

In Hindu mythology, Ayodhya is regarded as the birth place of Lord Rama.

Opposition leader Vishwanath Pratap Singh of the Janata Dal party, looking for Muslim votes, said he planned to visit Ayodhya on Nov 9 to urge Hindus to postpone the ceremony.



Tired Di

Prince Charles and Princess Diana were welcomed yesterday by Indonesian President Suharto, who hired a mystic to make sure the royal couple's stay was rain-free.

The British couple began their five-day visit with a quiet evening alone in the state guest house.

Picture shows a tired Diana with a wide brimmed style hat.

## Victim in high spirits

NEW YORK, Nov 3, (AP): The woman who was raped and left for dead in a gruesome Central Park attack that made headlines around the world is in "excellent spirits" and might achieve full recovery, a doctor said.

"We are hopeful, but not certain, of a 100 per cent recovery," a doctor who is familiar with her case said yesterday.

The woman, now 29, has been at Gaylord Hospital in Wallingford, Connecticut, where she is undergoing intensive mental and physical therapy and rehabilitation.

The doctor found the woman has regained a "zest for life that is impossible to quench."

Her "spirits are excellent," the doctor said. "She is speaking very, very well. She is very articulate."

"If you had never met her before and were just talking to her for the first time, I don't think anything would tip you off to what happened to her," said the doctor.

## Aquino to woo businessmen during Canada, US tour: no talks on bases

MANILA, Nov 3, (AP): President Corason Aquino leaves tomorrow for Canada and the United States in search of aid and investment but may face questions about the future of US military bases.

Aquino's schedule includes meetings with business groups in both countries, a visit to the New York Stock Exchange and a stop in Dallas to promote Philippine products with J.C. Penney Co.

In Canada, she will visit Vancouver, Toronto and Ottawa, where she will meet Prime Minister Brian Mulroney before flying to New York late Tuesday. She travels to Washington the following day.

"Mrs Aquino undertakes the visit with an economic focus in keeping with the principal directions and priorities for her administration, which address the need to accelerate economic growth and bring the enjoyment of its benefits to all levels of society," said her spokesman, Adolfo Azcuna.

Aides to Aquino said she will not raise the issue of Clark Air Base, the Subic Bay Naval Base and the four smaller US installations, whose lease expires in 1991.

US and Filipino negotiators are expected to begin exploratory talks next month on renewing

the agreement. Diplomats expect President George Bush and other US officials to express their hope for successful negotiations.

Anti-bases sentiment has grown in the Philippines, and Aquino refuses to say whether she wants a new agreement. Any renewal must be approved by two-thirds of the 23-member Senate. Twelve senators want the bases closed in 1991.

Socorro Diokno, secretary-general of the anti-bases coalition, said today that Aquino was secretly willing to extend the bases because she needs US aid.

"They are selling our country," she said.

"Money is what the President is after. We are like beggars, depending on handouts from others."

In a statement today, the central committee of the banned Communist Party of the Philippines said Aquino was leading for the US to sell out "the fundamental interests of the Filipino people."

"US imperialism and the Aquino regime are now in the process of working out a bases' retention scheme," the party said in a statement.

Aquino, who usually favours conservative clothes, has decided to show more leg when she visits Canada and the US.



# Cory: Fire and ice

Sensitive and protective

MANILA, Nov 3, (AP): A columnist once wrote that President Corason Aquino hid under her bed during a coup attempt. On the day the column appeared, she led reporters to her bedroom and showed there was not enough space under the mattress to do so.

The 1987 incident illustrates the style of the former housewife who became president. She is sensitive to criticism and always protective of her image.

After nearly four tumultuous years in office, Mrs Aquino has gained poise and confidence, which she hopes to display on a trip to Canada and the United States that begins tomorrow.

"When I went to the United States in 1986, I was viewed as the leader of a very successful democratic movement," she said recently. "This time, I am going there with a report card."

Mrs Aquino's image-makers present her as a tough, no-nonsense leader. After the visit to her bedroom, Mrs Aquino filed criminal libel charges against the columnist.

After surviving six armed coup attempts, Mrs Aquino said of her critics: "They don't like the way I dress... But I'm president, and they are not."

In private, the bespectacled grandmother, known popularly as "Tita (auntie) Cory," talks rarely about politics but endlessly about her family. Her passions include brandy-filled white chocolates, soap operas, basketball and tending her orchids.

As the wife of a prominent politician, the late Sen. Benigno Aquino, she became enamoured of soap operas and basketball to pass time when her husband was travelling or later when he was in prison.

Every Sunday, she tries never to miss a local television soap opera, "Lovingly Yours, Helen," in which a matronly character dispenses advice to friends and family.

Her own life is the stuff of soap opera: The simple wife of a prominent husband who was imprisoned, exiled, then murdered in the struggle to free his people from a dictator, the late president Ferdinand Marcos. Mrs Aquino succeeded Marcos in 1986 after he was toppled in a popular uprising.

When her husband was imprisoned at Fort Bonifacio, she was subjected to body searches and other indignities when she visited him.

During her first visit to Fort Bonifacio as president, generals snapped to attention, saluted and addressed her respectfully as "Ma'am." She recalled the visit recently to a reporter, adding: "Anybody who studies my situation must be convinced there is a God."

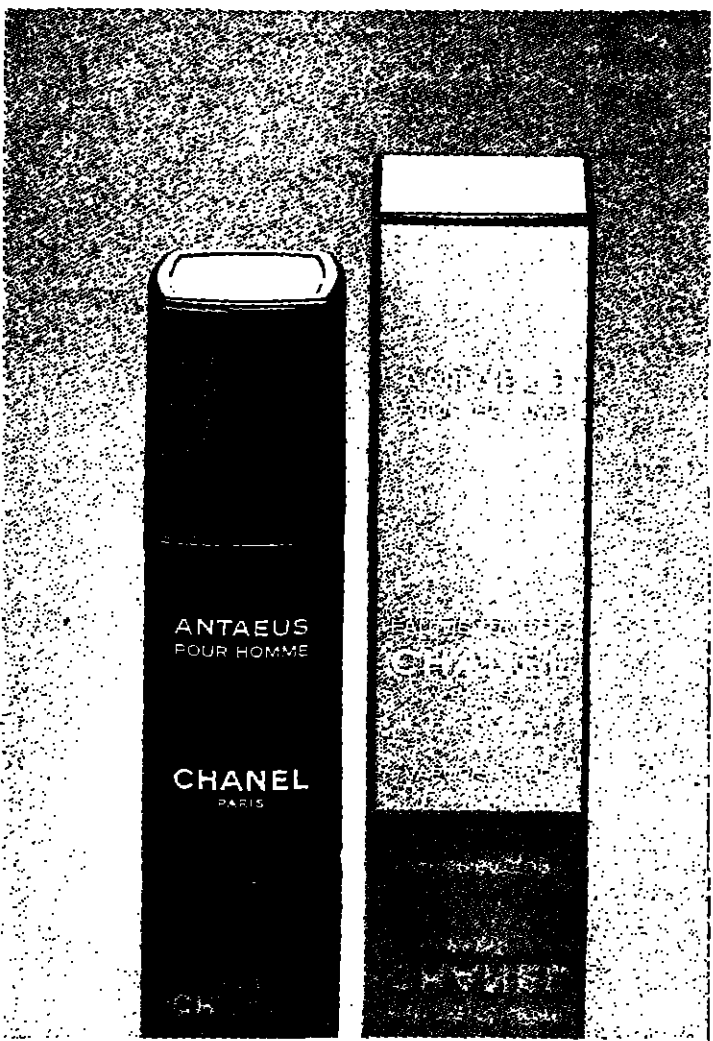
As president, Mrs Aquino has become the nation's "ate," or "big sister."

## TAPESTRIES EXHIBITION



An Exhibition of tapestries of fine arts pieces is being held at the SAS Hotel-Ballroom. It comprises a splendid collection of hand tufted and woven tableaux from Yugoslavia.

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# Dirty tricks blight elections

NEW DELHI, Nov 3, (Reuters): Sex, corruption and violence — traditional ingredients of Indian elections — have been added in large measure to the strong mix for this month's poll.

Accusations fly as politicians pursue vicious campaigns of character assassination. Intercaste plots are denounced daily and both sides are gathering "goondas."

Goondas — toughs — protect candidates, disrupt general election meetings of rivals and intimidate voters on polling days, this year Nov 22, 24 and 26.

"We all have to do it, because our rivals

will," said a prominent member of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party this week.

Pre-election violence has already flared in the southern state Andhra Pradesh, where police opened fire to disperse rival supporters, and in Marxist-ruled West Bengal state.

Each side blames the other for an eruption of Hindu-Muslim violence in the electionally-crucial Hindi-speaking belt of northern India where more than 200 people have been killed in Hindu-Muslim riots over the past week.

The riots were sparked by Hindu militants taking part in processions to press for a shrine to be built on a spot where Muslims have a mosque in the Uttar Pradesh town Ayodhya. Congress accuses the opposition of fomenting the violence.

"This is going to be a dirty election, perhaps the dirtiest we have known. These kinds of allegations have been made before, but never to this extent," said Satpal Malik, spokesman for the opposition Janata Dal.

The opposition in turn accuses Congress of triggering Hindu-Muslim riots in Uttar

Pradesh town of Badam. There, the cause appeared to be the decision of the state Congress government to declare Urdu an official language.

They said the decision on Urdu, the language associated by Hindus with the old enemy, Pakistan, was a simple bid to win the votes of Muslims.

Sex is not far behind violence, with Congress linking opposition politician Sanjay Singh — from Rajiv's own Amethi constituency in Uttar Pradesh — to the murder of former Indian badminton champion Syed Modi in July.

# 101 extremists killed by Lanka vigilantes

Shoot-on-sight orders against armed Tamils

COLOMBO, Nov 3, (Agencies): At least 101 suspected Sinhalese extremists were slain in recent attacks blamed on vigilante groups in central and southern Sri Lanka, residents and military officials said today.

The bodies, some mutilated to avoid identification, were found in four different villages beginning yesterday, said officials. Police found 55 bodies scattered in Lagalle village in Matara district, 105 kilometres (65 miles) northeast of Colombo, said residents reached by phone from Colombo.

Police also found 46 bodies in three separate villages in Gampaha

district, 25 kilometres (15 miles) northeast of Colombo. Most of the victims, between the ages of 16 and 30, had been shot to death and some had been set on fire to prevent identification, the officials said.

Meanwhile, the Sinhalese extremists waging a violent campaign to overthrow the government shot and killed six civilians, authorities said. Government troops also killed five suspected Sinhalese extremists yesterday in Matara town, 135 kilometres (85 miles) south of Colombo.

The extremists, members of the People's Liberation Front (JVP), have been fighting to overthrow the government since 1987.

## Rajiv media blitz

NEW DELHI, Nov 3, (Reuters): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party, its credibility under scrutiny, has launched a high-powered media campaign to discredit the opposition ahead of this month's elections.

The media campaign seems to have attracted more criticism than support as opposing parties intensify their bid for victory in Nov 22, 24 and 26 elections that could decide Rajiv's political future.

Some newspapers suggest the drive could backfire, with Congress and the opposition running neck and neck to polling day because Congress' advertisements often seem as relevant to Congress as to the opposition.

Congress Party spokesman Anand Sharma appeals daily for a constructive opposition campaign. Then, confronted by often hostile reporters, he has difficulty explaining his party's negative newspaper advertisements.

One recent full-page Congress advertisement focused on opposition disunity. On the front page, headlines announced the decision of Rajiv's defence minister to refuse a nomination for a seat in Parliament.

The advertisement named opposition leaders it said were fighting among themselves for the country's top job.

"The story of opposition unity," it said, "Opposition vs opposition vs opposition."

Wednesday's advertisements vowed Congress would stamp out religious intolerance, a barb aimed at the Hindu revivalist Bharatiya Janata Party.

**US to sell \$94 m of arms to Pakistan**

WASHINGTON, Nov 3, (UPI): The Pentagon notified Congress Thursday of plans to sell the government of Pakistan anti-missile radar and radars for \$65 million and four Phalanx anti-ship missile systems for \$29 million.

The \$65 million arms sales includes 13 Firefinder count-missile radar sets, 26 radars and logistics support. The \$29 million package includes four high-tech Phalanx guns for Pakistani ships that will provide a surface-to-air defence against attacking, surface-skimming missiles.



A local policeman (right) and a guerrilla from the Tamil National Army (TNA) guard a checkpoint in eastern Sri Lanka on Wednesday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Indians pull out

Maldives thanks Rajiv

COLOMBO, Nov 3, (Reuters): The last Indian soldiers withdrew from the Maldives today one year after they crushed an attempted coup on the Indian Ocean archipelago.

About 160 soldiers headed for home in two military aircraft from the airport on tiny Hulule island after President Maumoon Abdul Qayoom paid public tribute to them, officials said by telephone.

They were the last of a contingent of 1,600 paratroopers who fought back an attack on the capital, Male, by a group of Sri Lankan Tamil rebels and Maldivian dissident on Nov 3 last year.

"There are no more Indian soldiers left in the Maldives," an Indian High Commission

(embassy) official in Male said. Qayoom, at a public rally, expressed gratitude to the Indian government and Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi "for their timely intervention at our request to crush the aggression."

He said the remaining Indian soldiers were leaving "after having successfully completed their mission to our utmost satisfaction."

Qayoom presented representatives of the Indian army, navy and air force special plaques of honour.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Giscard resigns

PARIS, Nov 3, (UPI): Former president Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, signalling a major change of direction in his political career, resigned his seat in the National Assembly today but said he would continue to serve as a European deputy and president of the Auvergne regional council, aides said.

Giscard is one of the main power brokers in French politics and head of the centre-right union of French democracy groupings. In the National Assembly, the Lower House of parliament, he had been head of the foreign affairs commission.

"Fidelity orders me to abandon the province where I have my roots that supported me in difficult moments," said Giscard in a statement.

### Return to life

PARIS, Nov 3, (Reuters): A 19-year-old Frenchman was recovering in hospital today after being pronounced dead wrapped in a shroud and taken to the morgue for an autopsy, officials said.

The man, whom they did not identify, had driven his car to a remote forest spot near Blois in central France last Friday and had taken an overdose of barbiturates, intending to commit suicide.

Found by hunters a day later, he was pronounced dead by a medical team and a morgue attendant was about to place his body in the icebox when he noticed the man was still breathing.

### Fergie visit

HOUSTON, Nov 3, (UPI): The Duchess of York travelled to Houston yesterday for a five-day visit that will include trips to two hospitals, two operas, two schools, a ranch and the Johnson Space Centre.

The duchess, the former Sarah Ferguson, who is known informally as Fergie, was invited to Houston about nine months ago by Houston grand opera to take part in their celebration of 300 years of British opera.

### Plant protein

NEW YORK, Nov 3, (AP): Scientists have made tobacco plants produce an animal protein, an ability that may one day make plants useful for soaking up pollutants, a study says.

Animal proteins may also eventually help make plants resistant to disease or produce higher levels of useful substances, said researcher Andrew Hiatt.

The work is reported in the latest issue of the British journal Nature by Hiatt and colleagues at the research institute of Scripps clinic in La Jolla, California.

### Global Aids

GENEVA, Nov 3, (UPI): Global reported Aids cases rose by 4,340 or 2.4 per cent in October to reach a total 186,803 by Oct 31, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said today.

The United States accounted for three-quarters of the increase, reporting 3,098 more cases for a total 107,598, WHO said.

That in turn represented 54.7 per cent of the world total.

The other leading affected countries as of Oct 31 were Brazil (7,787 reported cases), Uganda (7,375), France (7,149) and Kenya (6,004).

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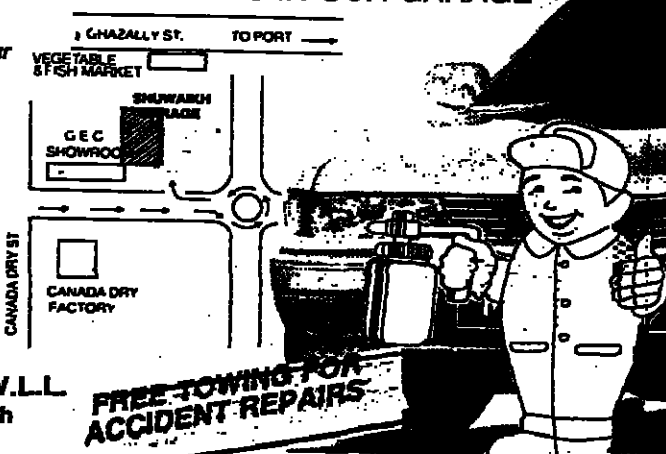
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# Foetal tissue research ban extended

## Consideration of moral, ethical elements

WASHINGTON, Nov 3, (UPI): Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan, rejecting the advice of a government advisory panel, announced yesterday he would continue indefinitely a 20-month-old ban on federal funding for research using human foetal tissue.

Anti-abortion activists favour the ban because foetal tissue used in research comes from aborted fetuses, and Sullivan said some women would be encouraged to have abortions if fetuses were used for research.

Researchers have protested the ban because they believe foetal tissue could help treat ailments such as Parkinson's disease, diabetes and nerve disorders. Scientists prefer foetal tissue to adult tissue for transplants and research because it grows more quickly and adapts more readily.

"It is clear that research involving the use of foetal tissue from induced abortions for human transplantation could potentially produce health benefits, and I do not in any way discount the importance of this fact," Sullivan said.

"But this is an issue which requires careful consideration not only of the potential benefits and hazards of such research, but also profound consideration of the moral and ethical elements," he said.

Sullivan sent a letter informing acting National Institutes of Health director William Raub that he was "continuing indefinitely" the ban on federal funding for research using human foetal tissue from induced abortions.

The ban was imposed in March 1988 by Assistant Secretary for Health Robert Window, who asked for a review of "a number of questions, primarily ethical and legal," concerning the use of foetal tissue in research.

An NIH advisory committee subsequently approved a report by scientific and ethical experts that called for an end to the ban, saying the use of tissue from aborted fetuses for research was "acceptable public policy."

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NEW YORK, Nov 2, (AP): Researchers increased 100-fold the amount of electricity that could be carried by crystals of superconducting material in a new study, boosting hopes for making the materials practical, scientists say.

The work indicates a solution is possible for one obstacle to making high-temperature superconductors carry useful amounts of current, said researcher Robert B. Van Dover.

Superconductors are materials that carry electricity without resistance. All those discovered so far must be chilled to work.

In recent years, scientists have created the high-temperature superconductors, so called because they require less chilling than previously known materials. Scientists hope these compounds will have more uses than the previous materials.

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The new study addressed a barrier to such uses: In a magnetic field, bulk samples of high-temperature superconductor have been able to carry only small levels of electrical current without losing superconducting ability.

The researchers bombarded a crystal of superconducting material with neutrons, tiny particles that make up parts of atoms. The crystal could then carry about 100 times the current that untreated crystals could without losing superconductivity, they found.

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The new result is comparable to the performance of extremely thin films of superconducting material, said David Welch of Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, New York. Thin films, however, are not practical for making magnets and other relatively large-scale uses, he said.

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Koop and Hagman will team up in Washington to run the smoke out, which for 13 years has encouraged smokers to abstain from cigarettes for a day in hopes that it will lead to quitting for good.

Dr Harold Freeman, president of the cancer society, praised Koop for his anti-smoking pronouncements as surgeon general. Koop has called nicotine an addictive drug and has said second-hand smoke is a serious hazard. (AP)

# Duluth, Minnesota

Duluth, Minnesota: Violinist Itzhak Perlman says he has gained a unique perspective on the problems of the disabled from his years of getting around countless hotels, airports and other public places with crutches.

"You get off the plain in one of the terminals in New York, and you see a big sign: 'Welcome to New York,'" Perlman told a group of handicapped commission members Monday. "Then you see a flight of stairs going down."

Perlman, who needs crutches because of a childhood bout with polio, said that measures to help the handicapped actually help everyone.

"I've never seen anybody — handicapped or able-bodied — avoid a curb cut or take the stairs when an elevator was available," he said. (AP)

# Costa Mesa, California

Costa Mesa, California: Brian The Riet always regretted passing up a chance to play college football. Now, more than a decade later, he has turned a community college Gridiron into his field of dreams.

The 32-year-old businessman enrolled in Orange Coast College and joined the Orange Coast Pirates as a running back.

"I think what he's done is really remarkable," coach Bill Workman said, hurrying to add: "I wouldn't suggest that any other 32-year-olds come out of retirement and try to make it on a community college team." (AP)

# Johnson City, Tennessee

Johnson City, Tennessee: Freddie Bowgs has been a hairstylist for movie and television stars, and owns autographed pictures from them in the Johnson City shop where he now works.

"Thanks, kid," says one from the late Lucille Ball. Bowgs was her hairdresser for nearly nine years and did her hair for the last photo taken of the famous red-haired entertainer.

Bowgs met Miss Ball and other stars when he worked at Universal Studios in the hair and makeup department.

Recently, he returned to his hometown because his mother is ill.

Dolly Parton carries at least 150 wigs, most valued at \$1,500 each, with her, according to Bowgs. He did Miss Mimi's hair when she was touring with Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr.

Bowgs did Cher's hair for the cover photo on her latest album, "Heart of Stone." "We used nine hairpieces," he said.

He admits he misses the job in Hollywood and may go back. But for now, he knows the decision to come home to care for his mother was the right one. (AP)

# Denver, Colorado

DENVER, Colorado: Two Bolshoi Ballet stars who wanted to buy a handgun got a Navajo peace pipe instead according to a gun shop owner who said he opened his store after-hours to accommodate the Soviet sharpshooters.

Dancer Vladimir Vasiliev beamed and thanked shop owner Scottie Jewell after he presented him with the pipe during an hour-long shopping trip.





Rifle in hand, a young Nicaraguan soldier leans on his rifle as he waits for the truck he is riding on to pull out of La Libertad. (Reuter wirephoto)



Ortega clenches his fist during a nationally broadcast press conference on Nov 1. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Sandinistas, Contras clash

### Troops trying to stop rebel infiltration

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Nov 3, (AP): Sandinista government troops are fighting rebels in northern provinces, using the end of a 19-month ceasefire to try to stop the guerrillas returning from Honduras, defence officials say.

A rebel commander said the guerrillas known as Contras, were ill-equipped and would not launch attacks against government forces.

The ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front's radio station said yesterday that fighting began soon after President Daniel Ortega announced Wednesday that a ceasefire with the rebels would not be renewed.

"Two hours after suspending the ceasefire a company from Quilali and the militia engaged a group of 30 counter-revolutionaries in combat," Radio Sandino said.

Quilali is about 180 miles (280 kilometres) north of the capital in Nueva Segovia province.

A Defence Ministry communiqué said three rebels were killed in a clash in El Guapote, 120 miles (190 kilometres) north-east of the capital in Matagalpa province, a Defence Ministry communiqué said.

Fighting in two places in Jinotega province — Pantasma and Plan De Grama — wounded seven government soldiers, the ministry said.

Government troops in three northern provinces, Nueva Segovia, Madriz and Esteli, were reorganising, the radio said.

Ortega said he was cancelling the ceasefire because of the infiltration of 1,100 rebels from Honduran camps over the past three weeks.

Radio Sandino said yesterday that 400 rebels had worked their way back into the country in the Quilali area and two other northern zones and were "assassinating and kidnapping civilians making propaganda for the rightist unified national opposition coalition."

The coalition, known as UNO, encompasses parties from both the left and right and is Ortega's main opposition in presidential elections scheduled for Feb 25, 1990.

In Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Contra commander Enrique Bermudez said the rebels would continue observing the ceasefire.

The Contra rebels have accepted Ortega's proposal to meet at the United Nations next week to negotiate peace, the White House announced today.

**Exercise, key to a longer life:** A brisk walk of 30 to 60 minutes a day can significantly reduce the risk of early death from heart disease and cancer, research said yesterday.

"Moderate levels of physical fitness that are attainable by most adults appear to be protective against early mortality," said the report from the Institute for Aerobic Research in Dallas.

"A brisk walk of 30 to 60 minutes each day will be sufficient," for most men and women, it added.

The finding was based on a study of more than 10,000 men and 3,000 women examined at a Dallas clinic from 1970 to 1981. Follow-up studies that lasted up to eight years found that those who died tended to be less physically fit.

If everyone in the study had taken measures to become fit, the report said, the death rate would have been cut by 9 per cent in men and more than 15 per cent in women.

The study was published in this week's journal of the American Medical Association. (Reuter)

**Drug flown in from Japan:** High level talks have cleared the way for an emergency delivery of a Japanese experimental drug that doctors say offers the only hope to save the life of a British liver transplant patient, the Foreign Office said yesterday.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the experimental drug, FK506, which prevents rejection of a transplanted organ without lowering the body's other defenses, was being flown from Japan to Britain following intervention by the British embassy in Tokyo.

"The embassy was able to persuade the Japanese authorities exceptionally to release the drug. It will be on its way to the United Kingdom within the next day or so," the spokesman said.

The Japanese had refused to release the drug because clinical trials in the United States were not complete and European trials were not due to begin until next year. (AP)

**House OKs smoking ban:** The House of Representatives sent the Senate a bill Tuesday banning smoking on virtually all domestic airline flights.

The prohibition is part of a compromise House-Senate measure providing \$12 billion for anti-drug programmes for the fiscal year that started Oct 1.

The House voted Tuesday to forbid smoking on all routes in the continental United States and on all flights to and from Hawaii and Alaska scheduled for six hours or less.

That would allow smoking on just 28 US flights — 24 to Alaska and Hawaii and four to Guam — of 17,500 the airline industry says are scheduled daily, according to sponsor Rep Richard Durbin. The ban would take effect 90 days after the measure is signed into law. (AP)

**Losing war against Aids:** The world is in danger of losing the war against Aids, an invariably deadly disease that is gaining momentum, Jonathan Mann, the director of the World Health Organisation's Aids programme, said on Wednesday.

Although programmes to fight Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome have been set up in every country, "the epidemic is gaining momentum, there are major barriers to effective action which have not been removed, and complacency about Aids is spreading," Mann said in an interview with Reuters and the international television news agency Visnews.

"World-wide we believe we're in danger of losing the war against Aids," he said.

Due to the high cost of new diagnostic and treatment methods, prevention programmes may become the exclusive preserve of the wealthier industrialised nations, Mann said. (Reuter)

## \$3.2b more to fight drugs

WASHINGTON, Nov 3, (AP): The House of Representatives approved Wednesday a spending increase of almost \$3.2 billion for the war against drugs, \$900 million more than sought by President George Bush when he launched a campaign almost two months ago.

"Speed we will do — this is no paltry, penny-pinching response," Republican congressman Silvio Conte said as the House approved the measure on a voice vote.

The funds, attached to a money bill for transportation programmes, represent the major congressional input into the war on drugs this year. The overall bill, also approved by voice vote, contains a ban on smoking on virtually all domestic airline flights.

The transportation bill, fashioned by a House-Senate conference committee, must be acted upon by the Senate before the measure goes to the president.

The bill would add \$3,183,000 in spending on the war against drugs, bringing the total to \$8.8 billion for the fiscal year that began Oct 1.

Contained in the new funding package is \$1 billion for the federal prison system for building, \$306 million for justice assistance block grants and \$777 million for programmes involving alcohol, drug abuse and mental health.

The provisions were similar to a blueprint worked out between the administration and Senate negotiators in September and the measure moved easily through the House.

A rapid rise in cocaine seizures in Europe and other regions shows cocaine barons are now seeking markets other than the United States, a British official said yesterday.

"We are all at risk," under-secretary of State Tim Sainsbury told the United Nations General Assembly's social committee.

The UN General Assembly decided by consensus on Wednesday to hold a special session at a high political level on the worldwide drug problem.

But it postponed action, pending further consultations, on two other drafts that would have set Feb 20-23, 1990, as the dates for the session and making other preparations.

President Bush saluted an unprecedented public service campaign yesterday, the biggest since the war bonds drive of World War II, that appears to be helping Americans say no to drugs.

"This group is at the leading edge of a powerful and moving effort — debunking big myths about drugs by delegitimising them and by delegitimising their users," Bush said.

Addressing a news conference called by the media-advertising partnership for a drug-free America, Bush said, "your ads are managing to induce a nationwide ideological allergy to drugs."

A helicopter with four US customs agents and two Bahamian police officers aboard crashed into the Atlantic ocean while chasing a speedboat suspected of hauling cocaine, and the search intensified today for one agent still missing, customs officials said.

## 4 die in Bogota blast

# All judges on strike

BOGOTA, Nov 3, (Reuter): A car bomb packed with 25 kg (50 pounds) of dynamite killed four people in Bogota today, including an 11-year-old child, as Colombia's judges went on strike to demand better protection against deadly drug cartels.

Some 20,000 judges and other judicial employees across the nation stopped work to protest against what they say is a lack of government protection.

The National Judicial Association called the indefinite national strike after Mariela Espinosa, 40, a magistrate assigned to handle drug trafficking cases in Medellin, the hub of the cocaine trade, was killed in a hail of machine-gun bullets on Wednesday night.

The car bomb was the last of a string of explosions that began last night and hit a bank, a supermarket and a printing plant in the Colombian capital although none of the buildings was seriously damaged.

It was the second worst single attack since five police officers were killed when the bus was bombed a week ago.

The Colombian government began a crackdown on the illicit drug trade on August 18 and the drug barons responded by declaring war on the establishment, hitting back with nearly 200 bombings and two dozen killings.

Medellin's 4,000 judicial workers went on strike yesterday, outraged at the killing of Espinosa. Judges in Cali, where another cocaine cartel is reputed to have its headquarters, were already on strike.

The four killed by the car bomb were described by police as

street coffee vendors who were passing the car when it exploded after midnight near a bridge under construction.

"It seems the terrorists wanted to blow up the bridge," a police spokesman said. Six people were slightly injured in the blast.

The drug cartels have vowed to kill 10 judges for every drug suspect extradited to the United States. Five have so far been extradited.

In a decade of drug-related attacks, 50 judges and 350 judicial employees have been killed and the officials have long complained of a lack of protection from the government.

The killing of Espinosa was widely interpreted as retaliation for the extradition last weekend of the reputed number four man in the Medellin drug cartel, Jose Abello. US authorities say he worked closely with the two reputed cartel leaders, Pablo Escobar and Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha.

Judicial employees in Cali went on strike on Wednesday in protest against the killings of two colleagues whose tortured bodies were found this week.

National police chief General Miguel Gomez Padilla, using unusually strong language, said the shooting of Espinosa and of veteran Congressman Luis Francisco Madero Porro the same day were the work of "mentally deranged" people.

Colombian leftist M-19 guerrillas and the government yesterday signed a political pact paving the way for the demobilisation of the country's best-known rebel group.



Screams out in pain

The daughter of Jose Hermogenes Martinez screams out at the moment she finds the destroyed family car which her father was driving when it was hit by a mortar during a frustrated attack by the

FMLN on the First Infantry Brigade. Her father died on the way to hospital. This civilian death brings to 12 the toll within the last three days. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Salvador talks put off

### Rebels ask protection

SAN SALVADOR, Nov 3, (Reuter): El Salvador's leftist rebels announced yesterday, they would not take part in peace talks with the government until protection could be guaranteed for local opposition unions and popular groups.

The announcement came after 10 people were killed on Tuesday in the bombing of a leftist labour union's headquarters, an attack the rebels blamed on the government and the army.

"We must avoid that our presence in the dialogue be used to cover up the government's responsibility in this massacre," a Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front statement said.

Shortly after the announcement, a funeral procession for the 10 killed in the bombing of the National Salvadoran Union Workers Federation wound its way through central San Salvador, which was heavily patrolled by security forces.

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## Shining Path calls for strike

### Peruvian paper offices raided

LIMA, Nov 3, (Reuter): Police yesterday raided the offices of a newspaper linked to Peru's Maoist Shining Path guerrillas, detaining five employees as army troops patrolled the streets ahead of a general strike called by the guerrillas.

Members of the anti-terrorist police force raided the Lima offices of the newspaper El Diario, Shining Path's main mouthpiece, and found leaflets exhorting Peruvians to join the strike today, police said.

"We found abundant subversive literature. Five employees have been detained," said a police spokesman.

Sold openly on newsstands, El Diario lauds Shining Path's nine-year-old war to overthrow the government. The employees could be charged with violating a year-old anti-terrorism law that outlaws advocating guerrilla violence, police said.

The insurgency, begun in the Andean highlands, has claimed 15,000 lives.

Witnesses said armed, plainclothes police occupied the offices and seized typewriters and stacks of newspapers and leaflets, carrying them away in police cars.

Loaves packed with soldiers



A heavily armed Peruvian policeman stands guard after Maoist Shining Path guerrillas staged a lightning street rally. (Reuter wirephoto)

toting sub-machine-guns patrolled streets and jails were filled with hundreds of detainees on the eve of the strike, which Shining Path called in support of its insurgency.

Police detained about 1,000 people in roadblocks and sweeps through Lima neighbourhoods on Wednesday and yesterday though most were later released, police sources said.

## North's dues restored

WASHINGTON, Nov 3, (AP): The Senate acted late yesterday to restore former White House aide Oliver North's \$23,000-a-year military retirement pay, which had been revoked after he was sentenced in July for illegally shredding government documents.

"Ollie North has been punished enough," said Sen Jesse Helms, a Republican, sponsor of the change. "Let the persecution end. Let the vendetta end."

The issue, which has heavy political overtones stemming from the Iran-Contra scandal during former President Ronald Reagan's administration, now goes to the house, where similar legislation has been introduced but not yet acted on.

The scandal, the biggest of Reagan's eight years as president, involved the clandestine sale of arms to Iran and then the secret diversion of profits from those deals to the Nicaraguan rebels, known as Contras.

Senators voted 78-17 to eliminate from the federal law against destroying federal documents an ambiguous provision that led to the loss of North's retirement pay July 5.

They ignored the warning of Sen. Paul Simon, a Democrat, who said the move would set a bad precedent and invite future congressional tampering with criminal cases.

Sen. Joseph Biden, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said North is "not a hero, he is a felon. But even a felon deserves equal treatment under the law."

Biden added: "I might want Ollie North protecting me in a foxhole, but I wouldn't want Ollie North teaching my son or daughter ethics. I think Ollie North ought to be in jail."

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## Folks over 60 : driving more important than religion

NEW YORK, Nov 3, (UPI): A survey of 857 people over age 60 in the United States shows they believe the ability to drive a car is more important than religion, Parade magazine reported yesterday.

Slightly more than half of the men said they were sexually active, but only a third of the women said they were.

The poll, conducted by the Mark Clements Research Inc. found that 58 per cent of those questioned believe it is "very important" to be able to drive.

Fifty-five per cent gave top priority to religion, but the importance of friendship came out tops, with a 67 per cent vote.

The survey showed, however, that 73 per cent believe "strongly" or some what strongly in life after death, and 56 per cent said they did not fear death or dying.

A whopping 89 per cent said they would not want to be kept alive by artificial means if they were beyond medical help.

Ninety per cent said they were concerned about the cost of medical care, and 51 per cent

said they feared there would be cuts in social security benefit.

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## Unbeatable IRA too strong

BELFAST, Nov 3. (Reuters): Britain may never defeat the Irish Republican Army, Northern Ireland Minister Peter Brooke said today.

In an interview marking his 100th day in office he also issued one of the most powerful signals in 15 years that talks with Sinn Féin, the political wing of the IRA, could reopen if the guerrilla campaign ended.

He told Britain's national news agency, the Press Association: "It is difficult to envisage a military defeat of such a force because of the circumstances under which they operate."

But he said British security forces "can exercise a policy of containment to enable, broadly speaking, normal life to go on within the province."

Britain last held talks with the IRA in the mid-1970s. They led to a brief ceasefire, but it broke down when the IRA resumed its campaign. He said: "I hope the British government, on a long-term basis, would be sufficiently flexible."



Victims of IRA terror

The bodies of Corporal Maheshkumar Ismail and his baby daughter Nivuthi Mahesh, who were murdered by IRA terrorists in West Germany last month, arrive back in Britain on Wednesday. (Reuters wire-photo)

## Row jolts Dublin coalition

DUBLIN, Nov 3. (Reuters): Ireland's coalition government was shaken yesterday when a controversial former justice minister once embroiled in a phone-tapping scandal was elected as the new Senate leader.

The Progressive Democrats, long-time foes of Prime Minister Charles Haughey but now his junior coalition partners, abstained in the election in the upper house of Parliament.

The vote was won by Sean Doherty, who in 1982 authorised police to tap the phones of two Dublin journalists. One of them, Geraldine Kennedy, later became a Member of Parliament for the Progressive Democrats.

Doherty, a former minister of Haughey's Fianna Fail party, was comfortably elected in the Fianna Fail-dominated chamber.

## UN fund for legal matter

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 3. (AP): A new trust fund established by the United Nations will help impoverished nations appeal international legal disputes to the World Court by paying their legal bills.

All contributions to the fund would be voluntary, and UN officials have not said how much they hope to raise.

British representative Arthur Watts announced his country would make a "significant" contribution to the fund and urged other nations to follow suit. He did not disclose the amount of the contribution.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said the main precondition for receiving the financial aid is that the parties involved in a dispute must agree to the World Court's jurisdiction in the case.

Perez de Cuellar said there are instances where legal disputes arise, but cannot be taken to the World Court because of a lack of hard currency to hire outside legal experts.

## Court acquits convicted Palme killer

STOCKHOLM, Nov 3. (AP): A Swedish appeals court has overturned the conviction of a man accused of killing Prime Minister Olof Palme, but did not dispel the suspicion hanging over Christer Pettersson.

Police said they would continue to hunt for evidence against Pettersson, a 42-year-old Swede arrested last December for the 1986 shooting.

The state attorney has until Nov 30 to appeal to the supreme court, but the court normally would agree to review the case only if a question of legal principle were involved.

The Svea court of appeals ruled that Pettersson likely

was the man seen outside a movie theatre where Palme was slain, and dismissed his alibi. But it said it had not been proved that he killed the Swedish leader.

Palme, who was prime minister for 11 years and Scandinavia's leading international figure, was shot while walking home from a movie with his wife Lisbeth.

Pettersson could be tried again if further evidence is discovered before the 25-year-of limitations takes effect, legal experts said.

The appeals court was unanimous in overturning Pettersson's July 27 conviction by the Stockholm district court, which had sentenced him to life imprisonment.

## Greeks are still unsure

Support for right

ATHENS, Nov 3. (Agencies): Greeks vote on Sunday apparently undecided whether to return the conservatives to power for the first time since 1981 or gamble on a communist-socialist coalition.

In a separate development, a powerful time-bomb planted outside the home of Greece's national police chief was defused on Thursday 10 minutes before it was due to go off.

An anonymous woman caller tipped off the Athens daily newspaper, *Eleftherotypia*, about the bomb at the residence of General Yannis Antonopoulos in downtown Athens.

Antonopoulos, who was on duty at police headquarters, called his wife and two children to evacuate the building.

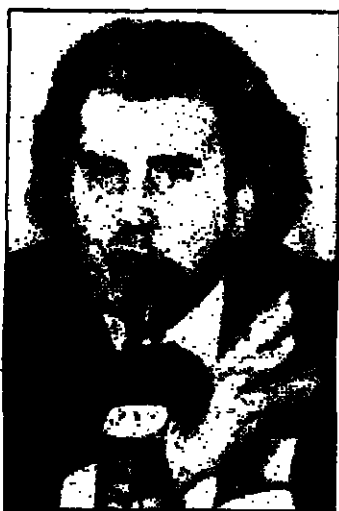
Nobody has claimed responsibility for the bomb.

Opinion polls put the conservative New Democracy Party well in front in Sunday's election but cast doubt on its ability to win an absolute majority to carry through reforms removing state controls on the economy and cutting back the extensive welfare system set up during eight years of socialist rule.

"Greece must have a stable government to solve an array of problems facing the country," new Democracy leader Constantine Mitsotakis, 70, told Reuters in an interview.

The problems include huge budget deficits, whether to close US military bases by a June deadline and whether to extradite a Palestinian wanted by Washington for a 1982 bomb blast on a US airliner.

Despite a year of scandals which savaged the ranks of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Paseok), defeated in June after eight years in power, there has been no sign of voters stampeding to embrace conservative remedies.



Theodorakis: switch

Polls indicate New Democracy will improve on the 44 per cent of the poll it won in June but it is not sure of winning enough votes to collect the six extra seats it needs.

New Democracy had its first taste of power since 1981 when it forced an unprecedented pact with its once mortal enemies, a communist-led alliance, after the June poll to set up a three-month coalition government.

Andreas Papandreu, the 70-year-old Pasok leader and former prime minister attempting an against-the-odds comeback on Sunday, is to stand trial on charges of illegal phone tapping and complicity in a \$200-million bank embezzlement scandal.

Mikis Theodorakis, the popular communist composer who is now a New Democracy candidate, said on Thursday co-operation with the right was the solution to Greece's problems.

The composer, best known for his music to the film "Zorba the Greek," said he joined Mitsotakis because he had achieved national reconciliation 40 years after the Greek civil war.

## Accord on \$305b bill for defence

WASHINGTON, Nov 3. (AP): Lawmakers are optimistic President George Bush will accept a \$305-billion defence bill that cuts \$1.1 billion from the Strategic Defence Initiative and provides one less B-2 Stealth bomber in fiscal 1990.

"Apart from SDI, on the whole it's the bill which we find acceptable," Sen. John Warner of Virginia, ranking Republican on the Senate armed services committee, said shortly after congressional negotiators adopted the legislation.

The bill still must be approved by the full House and Senate, and critics were outspoken about a defence blueprint that provides all but \$150 million of the money Bush sought for land-based nuclear missiles and restores some funds for conventional weapons the President sought to kill.

"Where a weapon is built and by whom has become more important than how much it costs, is it needed and whether it contributes to our national security," said Congressman Larry Hopkins, a Republican and member of the House armed services committee.

"We're buying too many big-ticket items with no hard choices," said Congressman John Kasich, another Republican and panel member.

The object of their anger was the conferees' decision to provide money for the Marine Corps' V-22 Osprey, the aircraft that takes off like a helicopter but can fly like a plane, and the navy's F-14D Tomcat jet fighter.

The tilt-rotor Osprey, which Bush sought to cancel, will receive \$255 million in research and development money but no procurement funds.

The negotiators also agreed to buy 18 F-14Ds in the fiscal year that began Oct 1, but none in fiscal 1991. The legislation also requires the manufacturer, Grumman Corp., of New York, to "sign up for termination," according to Sen. Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate armed services committee.

The debate over the cancellation of the F-14D was the most contentious of the nearly eight weeks of debate over the two widely divergent House and Senate defence bills, lawmakers said.

Defence Secretary Dick Cheney said he was "generally pleased" with the bill because it provides for "a strong national defence and the basic principles of the President's defence budget recommendations."

# Pan Am tries to prove US agencies warned

## Commission to probe Flight 103 bombing

WASHINGTON, Nov 3. (Agencies): A US presidential commission will look into a contention by Pan American World Airways that US officials were warned that Flight 103 was targeted by terrorists before it blew up over Scotland, two commission members said yesterday.

West German authorities denied assertions that they had warned US officials about suspicious activities at Frankfurt airport shortly before the departure of Flight 103.

At the same time, family members of some of the 270 people killed in the disaster accused the US government of "negligent disregard for the lives of the passengers."

The commission, which includes members of Congress and others, was formed to look into the Dec 21 bombing that killed all 259 people aboard the flight to New York and 11 on the ground in Lockerbie, Scotland. Lautenberg said he had no information that would verify or disprove the Pan Am allegations, which were made in papers filed in federal court. The airline, which faces \$300 million in lawsuits over the bombing, is seeking a court order for documents and interviews at the CIA and other US agencies, along with any other information the government may have about warnings prior to the flight.

A State Department spokesman, Richard Boucher, said Wednesday that the department "never received any specific and credible threat against Pan Am 103." British and US authorities have, however, acknowledged general threats against US carriers at the time.

A group of relatives and congressional staff members are going to West Germany next week to meet with officials about handling of the flight in Frankfurt.

Bert Ammerman of River Vale, New Jersey, whose brother Tom died in the bombing, said at the news conference with Lautenberg, D'Amato and US Congressman Cardiss Collins, that relatives of victims were shocked by the Pan Am claims.

The US Federal Aviation Administration fined Pan Am for security lapses in connection with Flight 103 but said none was linked directly to the bombing.

Investigations have determined the plane was downed by plastic explosives concealed in a radio-cassette player in the luggage compartment, but they have not determined who put it there. Investigation is focussing on terrorist groups operating in the Middle East and Europe.

In papers filed in US federal court, Pan Am specifically referred to the Bundeskriminalamt (BKA), the federal criminal investigations office that is the equivalent of the American FBI.

Pan Am said it wants information about any warnings from the BKA "within the 90 minutes before the scheduled departure from Frankfurt" concerning suspicious activities in the baggage loading area.

The independent newspaper in London said Wednesday that the subpoena mentions "warning(s)" from the BKA within 90 minutes before the scheduled departure from Frankfurt of Pan Am Flight 103 on Dec 21, 1988, to the effect that suspicious activities appeared to be taking place in the area where the baggage ... was being loaded."

The assertions brought a sharp denial on Thursday from the criminal investigations office in Wiesbaden.

"We issued no such warning," BKA spokesman Willi Fundermann told the Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Fundermann, however, pointed out that the BKA had issued a "very general" warning the month before the attack following suspicions regarding a group of alleged Palestinians rounded up in West Germany.

Some news reports have claimed the group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, is linked to the Pan Am bombing.

airport and airline security and terrorism and a lax government response" to the Dec 21 bombing.

The seven-member commission on air terrorism will look into a Pan Am allegation that 36 hours before the crash the Israeli intelligence agency Mossad warned US authorities of a possible terrorist attack, Senators Frank Lautenberg and Alfonse D'Amato told a news conference.

Lautenberg and D'Amato also said the commission will investigate Pan Am's contention that West Germany's investigative agency reported about "suspicious activities" at the Frankfurt airport loading area.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Probe on 'Rushdie death note':** Police are investigating a meeting of Muslims who allegedly voted for the execution of Salman Rushdie, author of a book that Islamic fundamentalists consider blasphemous, a Manchester police spokeswoman said Wednesday.

Muslim leader Kalim Siddiqui called for 300 Muslims at a meeting Oct 21 in Manchester town hall to raise their hands if they thought the Indian-born, London writer should be put to death, the spokeswoman said.

Most supported Rushdie's execution, she said. Members of Britain's large Muslim community were outraged by the publication of "The Satanic Verses" last year, claiming it blasphemed the religion's founder, the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH).

Rushdie has been living in hiding under special police protection since Feb 14, when Iran's spiritual leader, the late Ayatollah Khomeini, sentenced him to death for blaspheming Islam in his novel. (UPI)

**US lagging:** The US is lagging in ways of countering the growing sophistication of foreign spies and needs a "systematic" approach to tackle the problem, a critical new report says.

Among his suggestions are giving the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) police powers.

The report's 60 contributors, all counter-intelligence and security experts, met in July for a professional conference that formed the basis for the report. They found that anti-spy measures "remain frag-

mented and incomplete in their defensive coverage ... there is a lack of central responsibility, accountability, and leadership."

The experts concluded the US must have "an appropriately national, strategic and systematic perspective and policy to counter 'foreign espionage.'"

Included in the report's recommendations are giving the CIA — which by law operates only overseas — law enforcement powers. That is because US federal police agencies are very restricted in operating or arresting suspects abroad. (Kuna)

**'Shadow cabinet' re-elected:** Britain's opposition Labour Party, leading the ruling Conservatives in opinion polls, re-elected its "shadow cabinet" on Wednesday, along with three new places reserved for women.

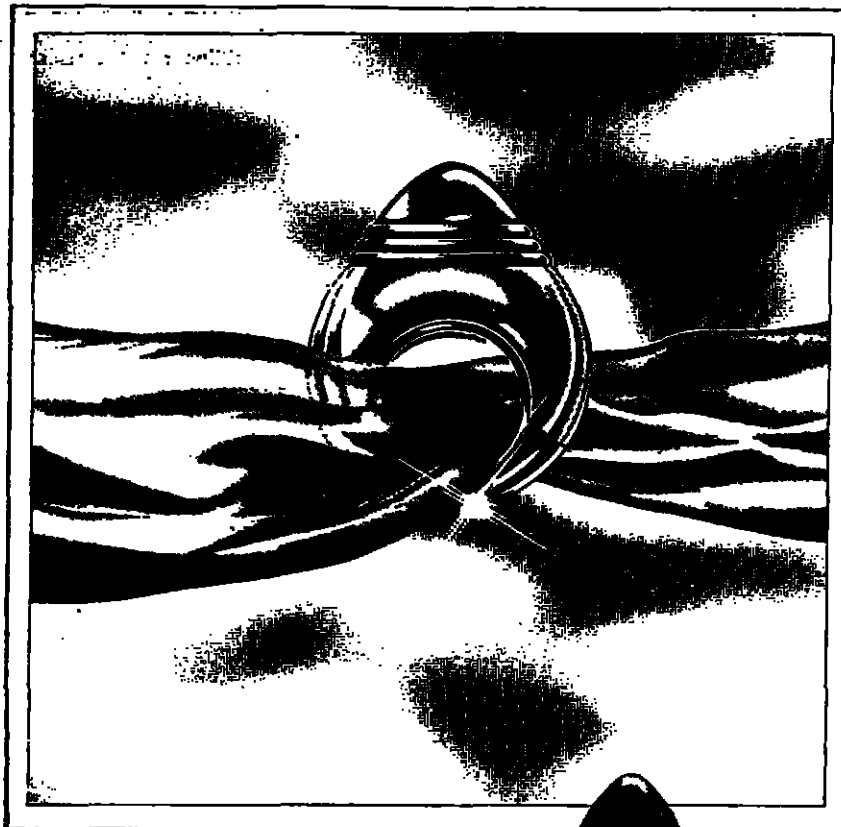
Labour introduced the new places to get more women into prominent positions and to help its leadership appeal to women voters. There are now four women in the 18-member team earmarked to take ministerial posts if the opposition takes power from the Conservative government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Anne Clwyd, a 52-year-old campaigner for nuclear disarmament, was elected on Wednesday after being sacked from the team by Labour's leader Neil Kinnock only a year ago in a row over defence.

The other women newcomers are Joan Lester and Margaret Beckett.

The new line-up again includes John Smith in charge of treasury matters, Gerald Kaufman looking after foreign affairs and Bryan Gould monitoring trade and industry. (Reuters)

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Strong tremor rocks Japan

TOKYO, Nov 3, (AP): A nation that nervously watched the California earthquake on television received a scare and a shaking from an equally powerful tremor yesterday.

No casualties or major damage were reported. The impact was blunted by a distance of about 130 kilometres (80 miles) of ocean between the quake's epicentre and Japan's Pacific Coast.

But 6,165 people from six coastal towns and villages were evacuated to town halls and school gymnasiums for fear of Tsunami, waves generated by the quake, said Toshihara Kon, a fire department official in Iwate prefecture, about 480 kilometres (300 miles) northeast of Tokyo.

The evacuation order was lifted 3-1/2 hours after the quake hit at 3.26 am (1826 GMT Wednesday), Kon said. Shortly after that, all Tsunami warnings were lifted, the central meteorological agency reported.

As felt in northern Honshu, Japan's main island, the quake was strong enough to shake buildings and topple unstable objects.

Kon said a small landslide briefly blocked traffic on a local road, but fallen dirt and rocks were cleared away and traffic returned to normal by 6 am (2100 GMT Wednesday).

Officials briefly closed the main expressway through the affected region for inspection, and overnight trains were stopped to check the condition of the rails.

Japan's meteorological agency estimated the quake's magnitude at 7.1 on the Richter scale, the same as that of the quake that devastated the San Francisco Bay area on Oct 17.

Toshio Akiyama, head of the agency's earthquake and Tsunami, observation division, said that although distance weakened the effect of yesterday's quake, authorities remained cautious because a series of quakes had occurred in the area in recent months.

An "awesome" aftershock to last month's deadly earthquake jolted northern California, but the only harm appeared to be more frayed nerves, authorities said yesterday.

The aftershock, which struck at 9.50 pm Wednesday (0650 GMT) and measured 4.4 on the Richter scale, was centred slightly north of the epicentre of the Oct 17 main shock.

## Japan awards expats

TOKYO, Nov 3, (AP): The Japanese government announced today the recipients of its annual autumn awards, including 42 foreign nationals who had made outstanding contributions to the promotion of friendship with Japan.

Of this year's 4,492 award recipients in politics, business, academia, art and sports, 42 foreigners from 18 countries, including the United States, Poland, Ireland, Canada, Brazil and Malaysia, were named as recipients of decorations for their contributions to international understanding, the prime minister's office said.

Among them was Garrett Fitzgerald, 63, former prime minister of Ireland, who will receive one of the most prestigious awards, the Grand Cordon of The Order of the Rising Sun, for his contributions in strengthening economic ties and friendship between Japan and Ireland.

Suyono Sosrodarsono, 63, former public works minister of Indonesia, an Gku Aziz, 67, of Malaysia, former United Nations University Council, and Francis Blanchard, 73, of France, will receive the Grand Cordon of The Order of the Sacred Treasure.

## Japanese politics dominated by scandals

TOKYO, Nov 3, (AP): Japanese politics is increasingly dominated by scandals, prompting concerns that the trend is creating a mudslinging match between rival parties.

Since last December, money and sex scandals have driven two prime ministers out of office. And now, a scandal focusing on a Japanese pinball game called Pachinko and alleged links through the industry to a pro-north group is affecting national politics.

Analysts say the increasingly frequent disclosure of scandals reflects a change in public attitude toward politics, and that politicians are beginning to use the change in ethics for their own advantage.

"Much of what was commonly done in the political world

has suddenly come to be considered unethical," said Yotaro Konaka, a political analyst. "At one point, politicians appeared to be baffled by the change. But now they are taking advantage of the situation to damage the image of their rivals."

Konaka and other analysts say political parties now are more inclined to attack other parties over scandals rather than political issues because "that has proved to be a more effective way of gaining public support."

Some analysts say the Japanese public has become particularly sensitive about political ethics because of the nation's economic success. The country has become far more prosperous, but many people believe the wealth is increasingly unevenly distributed — by means includ-

ing the huge movements of money that long have been common in Japanese politics.

One particular irritation has been a 3 per cent consumption tax pushed through parliament by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party. Many people thought the government was asking them to bear a heavier tax burden while politicians were receiving huge political contributions.

During the Recruit influence-peddling scandal, which led to the downfall of former prime minister Noboru Takeshita in April, opposition parties fiercely attacked the Liberal Democrats for links to the Recruit Co., an information and publishing conglomerate.

Many influential Liberal Democrats were accused of receiving donations from

## LDP took \$830,000 from pinball group; donations legal

TOKYO, Nov 3, (Reuters): Members of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), including three former prime ministers, accepted more than 118 million yen (\$830,000) in total from pinball parlour operators, party officials said.

LDP General Secretary Ichiro Ozawa published results of a party survey of the contributions late on Wednesday — just after a two-day debate over the affair ended in a stalemate between opposition parties.

The survey showed that 32 LDP parliament-

arians, including former prime minister Souda, accepted a total of 80 million yen (\$565,000) between 1978 and 1989.

The LDP had earlier said current cabinet members, including Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, had received donations from the pinball industry.

"Legal political donations are not a problem," said Ozawa, who reiterated the party's stand that donations to its members have been above board.

"We responded to a request by the Socialists and other parties to produce a list of parliamentarians who received political contributions," he said.

The pinball scandal began three months ago when a conservative Japanese weekly reported links between the Japan Socialist Party (JSP) and Japan's lucrative pinball industry.

Japanese pinball, known as pachinko, is a major gambling industry, worth more than eight trillion yen (\$60 billion) a year.

Recruit in the affair, which began in the summer of 1988 and shook the foundation of Japanese politics for more than a year.

Then came former prime minister Souda's Geisha scan-

dals, in which Uno, who replaced Takeshita, was accused of paying women to be his mistresses.

Uno announced his resignation the day after the election to take responsibility for the defeat.

He was replaced by Toshiki Kaifu on Aug 9.

Governing party leaders hoped the Kaifu administration would help restore public confidence in the party. But two

weeks later, the weekly Shukan Shincho magazine reported that Kaifu's No. 1 aide, chief Cabinet Secretary Tokuo Yamashita, had an extramarital affair with a younger woman.



South Korean riot police scramble to protect themselves as students set fire to a police bus (left). (Reuters wirephoto)



A protester struggles to get free of riot police in Seoul. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Police battle with students

## Call to oust Roh

SEOUL, Nov 3, (Agencies): Radical students calling for the overthrow of President Roh Tae-Woo's government battled riot police today with firebombs and rocks in street clashes and campus protests in at least eight cities.

Hundreds of students armed with clubs and firebombs briefly disrupted rush-hour traffic in central Seoul in the early evening, storming out of sidestreets to attack riot police units. Protesters set fire to a police bus, but troops hurling tear-gas grenades quickly dispersed the students.

"Down with Roh Tae-Woo" and "drive out the Yankees," the protesters chanted.

Riot police arrested and beat several dozen students in the running clashes in Seoul. Some pedestrians, choking and crying from tear-gas, yelled insults at troops for using the powerful gas, and there were some scuffles.

Authorities, fearing major protests in Seoul, fielded 21,000 riot troops, police officials said. Troopers in green combat fatigues and black visored helmets guarded government buildings, the US embassy and other possible targets.

Police also reported violent protests in the provincial cities of Chongju, Kwangju, Chonju, Mokpo, Suncheon, Naju and Yosu. Most clashes erupted when riot police stopped columns of students as they tried to march off their campuses into the streets.

Police officials, who declined to be identified, said they had no figures on arrests or possible injuries.

Yonhap, the South Korean news agency, estimated about 5,000 students took part in clashes in the provincial cities. There was no estimate on how many students were involved in the violent protests in Seoul, but several thousand took part in peaceful campus protests before the clashes.

Radical students called for major demonstrations in Seoul and other cities to mark the 60th anniversary of a student uprising against Japanese rule and to try to revive their flagging movement.

Student leaders said the protests marked the start of a new campaign to try to unseat the Roh government. But the radicals are not regarded as a threat to the government.

"Let us oust the Roh Tae-Woo regime through unified struggle," said a statement by radical leaders.

The radicals, a small but powerful minority on campuses, have lost much of their support in recent months because of their increasingly violent tactics and their sympathy for communist North Korea. Campus protests have dwindled dramatically.

Radicals have been discredited by a series of incidents, including the deaths of seven riot troops in a campus protest in the southern city of Pusan in May and the death last month of a student tortured by radicals who claimed he was a police spy.

South Korean students and riot police set aside their rivalry for a few hours this week and met to dance, drink rice wine and stage a tug-of-war.

Yonhap news agency said 120 police officers joined in tug-of-war, soccer and basketball games to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the founding of Inha University in the port city of Incheon.

South Korean officials yesterday said they suspected pilot error caused the crash last July of a Korean Air Lines DC-10 in Tripoli but withheld a ruling pending a final inquiry into the plane's warning system.



## Vietnamese repatriated

More than 120 Vietnamese who braved storms and pirates to sail into Hong Kong waters returned to their communist homeland today after losing hope of resettlement abroad.

The 121 boat people — 49 men, 33 women, 21 boys and 18 girls — are the fifth group to go home voluntarily under a programme sponsored by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

More than 500 Vietnamese have been repatriated since March. UN officials say nearly 2,000 more want to return, but that represents only a small fraction of the almost 44,000 boat people crammed into squalid detention centres in this British colony.

Some of the 121 Vietnamese refugees wave goodbye on the stairway as they board a chartered flight back to Hanoi Nov 3. (Reuters wirephoto)

## China grills students

## Chinese disagree

## Spoiled party

BEIJING, Nov 3, (AP): Authorities have moved their investigation of the pro-democracy movement into a sensitive new phase by grilling individual students on campus at Beijing University, university sources said today.

At several rallies held this week, students were urged to co-operate with investigators who would come to the campus to question them about their activities during the April-June movement, the sources said.

Beijing University students were at the forefront of the mass demonstrations crushed when the Chinese army shot its way through surging crowds of unarmed protesters, leaving hundreds and possibly thousands dead.

Thousands more were arrested, including Beijing University freshman Wang Dan, one of the key players behind the students' occupation of Beijing's landmark Tiananmen Square and their demands for more democratic freedoms.

Hao Bin, the Communist Party vice secretary at the university, which is considered China's most prestigious and politically active, summoned students in groups to hour-long rallies at the campus' 2,000-seat auditorium, the sources said.

"He told all the students to co-operate with the investigators and urged them to confess if they've done any significant 'bad' things," said one university source, who declined to be identified further.

Hao, a reported hard-liner believed to have served as a political officer with the People's Liberation Army, was quoted as telling students there were 10 types of people who must turn themselves in.

They included leaders of student organisations involved in the protests, and those who attacked soldiers, spread rumours to foreigners and divulged secrets, he said.

One student was questioned this week about a contribution equivalent to more than \$2,500 to the student movement from workers at a government ministry, a Chinese source at the university said.

A new wanted list issued by Chinese authorities named Chai Ling, a 23-year-old woman who played a key role in the pro-democracy movement, her husband and six other dissidents, a newspaper reported today.

The US embassy has issued its fourth protest in a week over an imposing Chinese police presence outside its compound and harassment of staff and visitors, an embassy source said.

BEIJING, Nov 3, (UPI): A Communist Party conference wracked by feuding over economic policy and the appointment of new leaders has been unexpectedly extended, sources disclosed today.

The meeting, which started last Saturday, has been continued beyond its customary three-to-five day limit, and will probably last through the weekend, they said.

The session, attended by party leaders at the national and provincial level, traditionally debates and finalises policy decisions before a full plenum of the 285-member central committee is convened to approve the measures.

However sharp disagreements on economic policy and divisions over key political appointments have forced the work meeting to be prolonged.

A heated debate erupted over the repositioning of centralised control. China's economy has experienced ten years of rapid expansion spurred by market-oriented incentive policies.

According to the sources, conservatives led by Premier Li Peng and Yao Yilin, vice-premier in charge of the economy, have proposed a three-year economic retrenchment programme aimed at slowing growth and reining in regional autonomy.

Strong resistance has surfaced from reform-minded leaders and local officials who have benefited from a decade of free-wheeling reform policies initiated by senior leader Deng Xiaoping in 1979.

At stake is the foreign exchange retention system, which allows localities to keep a significant portion of hard currency earned through foreign trade and investment.

Supporters of Soviet-style central planning seek to significantly increase the ratio of remittances to the centre, and some extremists are pushing for the abolition of the retention system entirely.

Also at stake is the policy of revenue-sharing, which has allowed localities for a redefinition of this regulation as well.

Austerity measures were imposed last year in an attempt to cool overheated growth and reduce an inflation rate that reached 30 per cent in February. But an increase in centralised decision-making, coupled with tight controls on credit and restrictions on construction projects have brought the economy to a virtual standstill.



## Chinese to go back

Some of the one hundred Chinese citizens found illegally in Hong Kong are led away from the San Uk Ling temporary holding centre on Thursday to awaiting police trucks, which will take them back to China. China had refused until recently to take back Chinese illegal immigrants during a two-week diplomatic row with Hong Kong officials.

## No US, Kiwi ties: Baker

SYDNEY, Nov 3, (AP): US Secretary of State James Baker today ruled out resumption of full relations with New Zealand on the first day of high-level ministerial talks with Australia, officials said.

Sources involved in the talks said Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans suggested that the United States warm up its frozen relations with New Zealand, but Baker replied that the time wasn't right. The United States has virtually broken off political and military relations with New Zealand because of that country's refusal to allow US ships carrying nuclear weapons to stop in its ports.

The sources said the issue of relations with New Zealand was one of many subjects that Baker and Evans discussed, ranging from changes in Eastern Europe and China to moves by the Soviet Union to gain membership in Western trade and financial institutions.

"The meeting was more one of opening doors, not closing doors," said a senior US administration official, who briefed reporters on condition he not be named. Australian officials gave similar briefings.

The US-Australian talks replace those held annually when New Zealand was a functioning partner of the Anzus Treaty that grouped it with Australia and the United States.

New Zealand's 1984 anti-nuclear policy, which banned port visits by US nuclear-capable ships, led to the rift in relations with the United States.

Cynics who see all politicians as evil bloodsuckers are going to love this one.

Sir Robert Muldoon, former prime minister of New Zealand, will wear white makeup and a sweeping cape to become "Count Robula" on a television series to begin later this month.

The 68-year-old Muldoon, who as the vampire "Count Robula" will introduce classic horror movies on the television series, has had a string of theatrical roles since he was defeated as prime minister in 1984.

## US to help Cambodian zones under non-communist rebels: KPNLF

BANGKOK, Nov 3, (Reuters): Washington will aid Cambodians in areas which have fallen under the control of non-communist guerrillas, a guerrilla leader said today.

A senior official of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF) said in an interview that the United States and other foreign supporters positively responded to a KPNLF request last month for food, medicine and other necessities for 33,000 people in northwestern Cambodia.

Abdul Gaffar Peang Meth said Washington had told the KPNLF, "yes, we will help you."

One source said the United States had agreed to give a modest contribution worth thousands of dollars, including medical supplies for civilians, but no food.

KPNLF, Sihanoukist and Khmer Rouge guerrillas seized thinly populated border areas of Battambang and Banteay Meanchey provinces last month, but Thai army officers said Cambodian Army reinforcements were preparing to counter-attack.

Gaffar said the KPNLF was consolidating control over the 33,000 civilians but declined to say

which countries, other than the United States, had been asked to send rice, tinned food, salt, sugar, first aid kits and other necessities.

Gaffar said six months' worth of supplies were being sought.

One foreign relief official estimated the Thai market value of the rice being requested as more than \$1 million.

Washington already gives military and humanitarian aid to the KPNLF and Sihanoukian National Army, which are allied with the more potent Khmer Rouge communist movement fight-

ing a Vietnamese installed government.

Pro-Vietnamese government forces in Cambodia have resorted to shelling civilian areas in a district town that they have been unable to recapture, a guerrilla group claimed yesterday.

British soldiers have been training anti-government guerrillas in Cambodia, official sources acknowledged Wednesday.

But they denied a report that a British-trained sabotage unit is being run by the Khmer Rouge.

Neighbour's snoring keeps couple awake: A Leeds woman says she is sleeping alone because her 85-year-old downstairs neighbour's snoring has driven her husband out of bed.

Sandra Davies, 45, and her husband Basil, 71, yesterday urged a Leeds Court to impose a noise abatement order on Florrie Phillips, who lives in an apartment below theirs.

"This old lady is snoring her head off every night," Mrs Davies said. "We are being woken up. I'm quite aware that she's an elderly lady and an ill woman, but she is snoring and I am not."

Mrs Davies said her elderly neighbour's snoring had forced her husband to leave their bedroom and take refuge in a quieter spare room that is only big enough for a single bed.

"He's no longer directly above Mrs Phillips' bedroom but it means we are apart. I'd much rather Basil was in the same bed as me." (UPI)





Eye-catcher

A Johannesburg car dealer's forceful window display draws wary glances from a passing pedestrian. (Reuters wirephoto)

## January date for Mandela

SA loses billions

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 3, (Agencies): South Africa has provisional plans to free black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela in January, government sources said yesterday.

"The planning is for January," one source said, but emphasised that no specific date had been set for the release of the world's best known political prisoner.

Mandela, in jail since 1962, is serving a life term for plotting to overthrow white rule.

The sources told the government of new President F.W. de Klerk was also looking at the possibility of other reforms long demanded by leaders of South Africa's voteless black majority and the world community.

These included lifting a ban on the African National Congress (ANC), the guerrilla group which Mandela still leads, and ending a three-year-old state of emergency.

While no timing has been fixed for any of these actions, the fact that Pretoria is considering them underlines the transformation in South African politics since De Klerk ousted former president P.W. Botha in August.

De Klerk's reforms so far, while falling short of what South Africa's many critics demand, have eased curbs on political dissent and freed eight elderly but prominent detainees, including former ANC secretary-general Walter Sisulu.

The sources said the timing of further reforms depended partly on the actions of Sisulu and his colleagues, who were freed on Oct 15 after spending a combined total of 185 years in prison.

"If they try to instigate the revolutionary overthrow of the government through violence, then Nelson Mandela will not be given a chance to speak," one source said.

Last Sunday Sisulu and his colleagues addressed a huge rally of 70,000 supporters in Soweto, an event which would have been impossible before Pretoria relaxed its policy on public demonstrations.

The well-organised rally passed off peacefully — vindicating the government's hands-off policy.

But Pretoria is concerned that speeches at the rally made by Sisulu and his colleagues showed that their decades in prison had not weakened their militancy.

The government would like Sisulu to renounce violence, but he refuses to do so.

The sources said the government wants its opponents to demonstrate a spirit of compromise in the coming weeks in order to smooth the path for a dialogue which most black

leaders have so far spurned.

"What the government is looking at is a breathing space where all players will be given the opportunity to show whether they are prepared to compromise," one of the sources said.

From Pretoria's point of view, one of the key figures is Zulu chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, a moderate who opposes apartheid but is at odds with the ANC.

Economic sanctions have cost South Africa 300,000 jobs and billions of dollars since 1983, a leading economist says.

The study released yesterday by Chris van Wyk, chief executive of the Bankorp banking group, was described by financial writers as the most definitive attempt yet to quantify the impact of sanctions on South Africa.

The study said sanctions and disinvestment measures since 1985 had cost a cumulative 40 billion rand in foreign exchange, resulting in production losses of about 80 billion rand and total spending loss of 100 billion rand.

Based on the average value of the rand during the period, the cumulative foreign exchange loss would total about \$16 billion, the total production loss about \$32 billion, and the spending loss about \$45 billion.

Despite the sanctions, South Africa's economy still is considered the strongest and most diversified on the continent.

Van Wyk said the overall economic impact was similar to what South Africa would have experienced had the price of gold, its major export, averaged \$200 an ounce instead of \$400 over the past five years.

Interest rates and inflation have been higher, the rand weaker, wages lower, and growth, employment and spending levels much lower than they would have been without sanctions, he said.

About 80 per cent of new job-seekers were blacks, Van Wyk said.

The home of a prominent anti-apartheid activist was damaged by a pre-dawn bomb blast in Durban.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu is to make his first Christmas pilgrimage to occupied Jerusalem, church staff said yesterday.

An aide to Anglican Bishop Samir Kafiti said Tutu, a vocal anti-apartheid campaigner, would attend Christmas Eve midnight mass in Arab East Jerusalem's Saint George's Cathedral but was not expected to attend any political meetings.

"It will be a short visit of prayer and pilgrimage," she said.

## KGB bid to clean image

MOSCOW, Nov 3, (Reuters): The KGB has capped a months-long "charm offensive", aimed at cleaning up its murky image, with an unprecedented live television phone-in featuring three generals and two colonels.

For 90 minutes of prime time television last night, the five senior officials from the state security police were bombarded with questions from viewers on everything from their private lives to international espionage.

The directness and frankness of the questions was in many ways more striking than that of the answers given.

Requests for figures and details on budget and staff levels were rejected on grounds that "foreign agents might be watching," while the officials responded coyly when asked if sexual prowess was a prerequisite for a successful spy.

Asked by one viewer about alleged intimidation of the Hare Krishnas religious sect, Colonel Alexander Karbalov replied: "The organs of the KGB do not handle religious movements, have not handled them and will not handle them in future."

Karbalov, a senior official of a new KGB office replacing the disbanded fifth department, which dealt with ideological crime, also denied the KGB had been involved in consulting dissidents to psychiatric hospitals.

"When a person was sent for forced psychiatric treatment, it was the decision of a court, rather than the fifth department or the KGB as a whole," he said.

Several viewers contacted after the programme, however, expressed incredulity at the KGB's denial of religious harassment and at an assertion that dissidents on private citizens were no longer kept.

But the host, political commentator Vladimir Tsvetkov, who appeared determined to maintain a light tone, stressed the most important thing was that the programme had happened at all.

"We have taken the first steps so that the KGB will not be considered somewhat menacing, secret and terrible that would have been out of place under the conditions of the law-based state we are creating," said Tsvetkov, winding up the programme.

Diplomats said the programme was part of a KGB campaign, through the official media, to distance itself from the excesses of the past and stress its loyalty to the modern creed of perestroika and glasnost.

pre-independence elections.

He cited what he said were border monitoring reports transmitted by UN peacekeeping troops and intercepted by South African forces.

The United Nations said the messages were fraudulent and denied that an incursion was taking place or was imminent.

It said Botha's accusation had created enormous fear in the territory.

Botha said today South Africa had established beyond doubt that the transmissions had been made and had been sent on a frequency allocated to a battalion of the peacekeeping UN Transition Assistance Group (Untag).

# Heads begin to roll in GDR

EAST BERLIN, Nov 3, (Reuters): The mayor of Leipzig, the East German city rocked by enormous pro-democracy street protests for the past six weeks, resigned today, the latest victim of the country's most serious political turmoil in 36 years.

Bernard Seidel, who had governed East Germany's second largest city since January 1986, quit his post on the grounds that he had lost the confidence of local people the official news agency ADN said.

Hundreds of thousands of people have demonstrated for political reform every Monday in Leipzig since late September in East Germany's largest protests since its foundation in 1949. Up to 300,000 people massed in Leipzig last Monday.

The rallies, combined with similar protests in other big cities and the flight to the West this year of 167,000 East Germans, have forced the communist authorities to relax their rule and prompted them to start sacking unpopular officials.

A small communist-allied political party, the Liberal Democratic Party, proposed that the entire East German government should resign. It said its leader, Manfred Gerlach, should be made president of parliament.

The statement, published in the official newspaper Der Morgen, did not challenge the principle of communist rule. It appeared intended rather to secure the removal of politicians with the rigid system which prevailed until last month.

The clear-out accelerated yesterday with the dismissal of for-

**Yugoslavia blames:** A communist leader in Yugoslavia's Kosovo province today blamed Albanian separatists for ethnic riots in which at least three people have died this week.

"The latest hostile demonstrations by Albanian nationalists and separatists are a continuation of a counter-revolutionary activity aimed at breaking up Yugoslavia," Kosovo Politburo member Dobrosav Radovic told the province's Central Committee.

The demonstrations were aimed at creating an ethnically pure Kosovo republic with the ultimate goal of seceding to Albania, Radovic told the meeting in Pristina, Kosovo's capital. (Reuters)

**Kohl's visit:** The agenda for West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl's visit to Poland will be finalised today in a telephone call from Kohl to Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, a government spokesman said.

Deputy government spokesman Henryk Wozniakowski said however that he could not confirm reports that Kohl was withdrawing a controversial request to go to St Anne's mountain on Nov 12 and pray there in German with members of Poland's German minority. (AP)

**Find the murderer:** Help find a murderer in the Ukrainian city of Kharkov and you could be offered a favourable place in the queue for scarce cars and housing.

The daily Komsomolskaya Pravda reported that authorities in the city of 1.5 million had made the offer along with a substantial reward in connection with six murder cases.

**Summit security:** White House said that security at the US-Soviet summit off Malta's coast in December won't be a problem, despite Libya's free access to the island nation.

"There always are security problems, but we believe they can be managed," said White House Press Secretary Martin Fitzwater, adding that it was the United States that suggested Malta as the staging site. (AP)

**Lithuanian move:** The Communist Party of Lithuania is proposing to break off from its Soviet mother party and declare itself independent, Radio Moscow reported.

The report on state-run radio quoted Lithuanian party chief Algirdas Brazauskas as saying the republic's transition to economic independence required corresponding political moves as well.

Lithuania, along with the other two Soviet Baltic republics of Latvia and Estonia, are negotiating the details of a plan for economic independence from Moscow's centralised ministries. (AP)

**Soviet cutbacks:** Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev appears to be carrying out his pledge to make sizeable cuts in Soviet forces in eastern Europe says a top US congressman.

But Congressman Les Aspin, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, also said that the Soviets have increased their artillery strength in Eastern Europe. Gorbachev had said 8,500 artillery pieces would be cut from east bloc arsenals in Eastern Europe and adjacent Soviet territory. (AP)

**Walesa thanks:** Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said he would rather be accepting combines than corn, but thanked the West for its first emergency shipment of grain.

"I am not delighted with this kind of help," said Walesa. "I treat this help as a kind of necessity, so we can work out solutions."

Some 11,500 tons of US-donated sorghum grain arrived by ship on Monday at the Baltic port of Gdynia, about 15 kms, (10 miles) from Gdansk, the headquarters of the Solidarity movement where Walesa lives. (AP)

**Polish minister:** President Wojciech Jaruzelski has appointed an aide to Solidarity leader Lech Walesa to serve as a minister of state responsible for contacts with parliament, the official news agency PAP reported.

Piotr Nowina-Konopka, an economist and head of the Solidarity press bureau in the Baltic port of Gdansk, confirmed by telephone that he had accepted Jaruzelski's offer. (AP)

**'Death books':** The Soviet Union has begun giving investigators access for the first time to "death books" listing 74,000 people killed in the Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz, the Red Cross says.

The deaths, certified by a camp doctor, were meticulously recorded by the Nazis in 46 books which the Soviet Union seized when it took Poland from Hitler's Germany in early 1945. (Reuters)

many more coming," a Western diplomat said. "They are expecting to hit saturation point of about 5,500 some time tonight or tomorrow morning."

The latest rush was prompted by a decision by East Berlin on Wednesday to reopen the border with Czechoslovakia.

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PRETORIA, Nov 3, (Reuters): South Africa, under fire for raising tension in Namibia with unsubstantiated allegations of an incursion by nationalist guerrillas, acknowledged today that it might have been the victim of a hoax.

Foreign Minister P.W. Botha said in a statement that intercepted radio messages on which he based his allegations might have been false. But the allegations had at least made all parties in Namibia more aware of the need for peace, he said.

Botha said on Wednesday that Angolan-based armed guerrillas of the South West African People's Organisation (Swapo) were staging an illegal incursion into Namibia only days before the territory's November 7 to 11



## Action Line

I READ in your action line that visa No. 18 cannot be changed to visa No. 17, before the completion of three years. One of my friends was selected to work as an artist in one of the ministries, and he was told that his visa will be changed. I like to know if this is true.

**B. Thussain.**  
To change from visa No. 18 to visa No. 17 is up to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. If the ministry approves the cancellation of his visa No. 18 then he can transfer to visa No. 17. The duration of transferring the visa from one sponsor to another in the private sector is three years. But cases of changing the work permit from the private sector to the government sector is referred to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

I am a Muslim employed in one of the ministries on a special contract, drawing a salary of KD 250.

If I got married to a Muslim girl with domestic visa, can I transfer her residence permit on my name as a house wife?

**Nasir Hussain.**  
It is not allowed to change domestic visa No. 20 to dependent visa No. 22. Any one working in the government sector and willing to sponsor his wife and children should meet the requirements of salary ceiling of KD 450, and KD 600 for the private sector. In your case you cannot sponsor a woman holding visa No. 20.

Both me and wife have been living here for more than 13 years, holding visa No. 18. We have a two-year-old daughter, born here and is on her mother's passport.

A year back, my wife delivered another baby in India and had to leave him back home. Now our son is 14 months old.

Both our combined salaries make KD 350 per month, which I assume may not be sufficient to apply for our son's visa.

I would like to know, if it is possible for us to get our son to live with us here. What would be the requirement, if our son will need a separate passport, or if any one of us, parents could get him on our passport, by approaching the Kuwait Consulate in India?

**Anon.**  
To add your son's name on both your passports, or to issue a separate passport is the concern of the authorities in India and not the Kuwait Consulate there. But for sponsoring your son in Kuwait is the concern of the Kuwaiti authorities here. It is possible for both parents working in the private sector to sponsor their children, but the Immigration Department reserves the right to accept or refuse in such a case.

I am a Muslim working in the government sector. I would like to bring my wife to Kuwait. I am drawing a monthly salary of KD 250. I cannot sponsor her on family visa. I have thought of bringing her on a domestic visa. In case she delivers a child here, after endorsing the name of the child in my passport, can I grant him a sponsorship?

**Shams M.**  
First of all, you are drawing a monthly salary of KD 250, which means you cannot sponsor your wife. If you bring your wife on domestic visa and she delivered the child here, this does not mean you can sponsor your child even if his name is endorsed on your passport. You can only sponsor your wife and child if you are getting a monthly salary of KD 450.

I GOT a traffic ticket on Sept 23, 1989 at crossing of the First Ring Road and Al Safar Motorway. Because of a lot of construction going there, the right turn was not marked properly, and because of this confusion, I took a right turn. I was stopped by a traffic police, and he gave me a ticket. There was no communication between me and the traffic police, because I do not speak Arabic.

In the traffic ticket, the officer wrote that I crossed the red light, and that I did it deliberately. He did not mention anything about making the right turn.

A court case was set on the above offense on Oct 1, 1989. However the file containing the ticket was lost and the hearing could not take place. I was told to go home and come back again after receiving a letter from the court. The case is in the jurisdiction of Shuwaikh area.

I am afraid that the letter from the court may not reach me in time (address maybe wrong, it may be in Arabic) and I may be tried in absentia, and the proper justice may be denied to me. Is there any way that I can know about the date of the court case so that I can be present at the hearing?

**M. Misha.**  
IT IS better if you checked with the Traffic Department for implementing traffic decisions, located on the Fourth Ring Road in Jabriya Area. You can go there provided with the documents and traffic ticket where you will be informed about the case and the court's location. If you approach the court then you can ask about the time of the hearing.

If you have a problem drop in a line to Action Line, Arab Times, P.O. Box 2270, 13023 Safat, Kuwait or Fax your questions to us on Tel. No. 4847495

# Nutrition department provides 7m meals annually

## Obesity can be treated: Awadhi

ABOUT seven million meals are provided annually for patients at government hospitals as well as meals for nurses staying at the nurse complexes, the director of nutrition and food services department at the Ministry of Health, Dr Fouziya Al Awadhi, said yesterday.

The department also supervises the meals provided for participants at meet-

ings and conferences held by the ministry. She added that her nutrition clinics advised about 35,000 people annually on nutritional matters.

### Follow-up

These clinics also followed up cases of diabetics and collected social, economic and clinical information on the patients.

Dr Fouziya said that the number of people was increasing as a result of greater awareness.

Nutrition clinics at hospitals and health centres maintain special files on patients and doctors advise the patients on suitable food for their condition.

She said that obesity could cause heart and gall bladder diseases, and sterility

among women. People who are 20 per cent over the normal weight could be described as obese, she added.

Obesity could be reduced by altering the diet and by regular physical exercises, including walking.

Women were more likely than men to become fat. She said that statistics at

Sabah Hospital showed that two thirds of patients visiting the nutrition clinics were women.

Women put on weight due to pregnancy and childbirth and after taking birth control pills. Most of these women depend on maids and do less physical work at home, Awadhi said.



Royal Navy reception

The British Ambassador to Kuwait, Peter Hinchcliffe (centre) hosted a reception Wednesday in honour of the crew of the Royal Navy ship HMS Beaver currently visiting Kuwait. Pictured above are also the frigate's commander Captain Anthony Morton and Kuwait's Chief of Protocol Ahmed Al Ayoub.

## Franco-Kuwaiti relations hailed

PARIS, Nov 3, (Kuna): Kuwait's Ambassador to France, Dr Tareq Rzaouqi, was quoted here today as hailing Franco-Kuwaiti relations, saying co-operation between the two countries will remain a source of confidence and optimism.

Interviewed by the bi-monthly magazine of Franco-Arab commercial exchange, Refa, Ambassador Rzaouqi said the visit of HH the Amir of Kuwait to France last September concretised a positive record of relations between the two countries.

He noted that points of view of Kuwait and France are concordant on several regional and international issues.

Ambassador Rzaouqi said the ambitions of Kuwait and France concentrate on consolidating their prosperous relations and finding means to improve their co-operation in the various fields.

He said that is the result of the French attitude towards the Arab cause, especially what concerns the Palestinian question as was shown by the reception of Palestinian President Yasser Arafat in Paris by President Francois Mitterrand.

Dr Rzaouqi said the governments of Kuwait and France enjoy remarkable economic relations, thanks to the joint economic commission that meets once a year.

## Qortuba area

# Citizens complain of slack security

QORTUBA area is considered one of the modern areas in Kuwait, characterised by modern and prestigious houses and wide streets.

Its favourable location enables residents to easily enter express roads passing through other areas and the city centre.

A local daily toured Qortuba and interviewed a number of residents there to learn their views on the services provided, and the shortages they suffered from.

All residents stressed that the area requires a police station, a clinic, and a recreational garden. They praised the municipality's role in preserving cleanliness in the area and providing them with garbage containers.

Abdullah Al Nafeesi, the director of the Public Relations Department at Kuwait Airways Corporation, stated that he has been living in Qortuba for 15 years. He added that all the villas built in the area were constructed according to modern methods stressing that the area is considered complete with regard to residences. He added that Qortuba is characterised by an easy access to express roads.

Regarding services, Nafeesi said that the area has not shortage of schools. A clinic is very near Qortuba but, the area still requires one, he indicated.

He said that residents need a public garden for recreation adding that the current co-operative society building fulfils all residents needs but required

restoration.

He said that the area also requires a police station pointing out that residents have suffered from many thefts lately. He hoped that officials at the Ministry of Interior will provide security at residential areas, particularly during official holidays and summer vacations.

**Police station**  
Another resident, Abdul Aziz Al Shalan stated that although Qortuba is considered one of the fully equipped areas it still does not have a police station.

Hamad Abdullah Al Dhabai described Qortuba area as very good regarding services but requiring a new co-operative society. He said that the current society building is small and requires restoration.

The Acting General Director of Kuwait Municipality, Sheikh Sabah Jaber Al Ali visited Qortuba area after receiving many complaints from residents there, particularly those living in block three.

Most of the complaints presented by residents were for removal of sand piles which were formed by sand storms.

Sheikh Ali said that these sand piles will be removed by the municipality within 6 months.

## Heartfelt US thanks to Soviet eye ship

THE United States has sent its "heartfelt thanks" to the Soviet floating eye hospital, which is berthed in Jebel Ali port, for offering to help the victims of the Californian earthquake.

The offer was made last week by the pioneer of the unique hospital and member of the Supreme Soviet Parliament, Professor Syvatoslav Fyodorov, when the full extent of the San Francisco earthquake became known.

In a letter hand delivered to George Bush, the President of the United States, Professor Fyodorov said his ship, the Petr Pervyy, was immediately available to help treat earthquake victims who had suffered serious eye injuries.

In reply, the US Charge d'Affaires based in the UAE, Ronald Neumann, says his government "extends its heartfelt thanks for your generous offer."

Meanwhile, aboard the Petr Pervyy, which is berthed in Jebel Ali port for the next six months, seven top eye surgeons are now hard at work.

Since last Wednesday's (Oct 25) official opening by the UAE Defence Minister HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, more than 300 people with eye defects have already been diagnosed and treated.

The ship has so far received 5,000 enquiries from around the Gulf region.

# New categories to get istimaras

Licence validity 10 years

NEW categories of people will be allowed to get learners licences, and these will be announced within a few days, according to a General Traffic Department announcement.

It has also been decided to renew learners licences after their validity have expired.

New driving licences will be issued for 10 year periods, except in the case of persons on special contract. Private drivers will get temporary driving licences linked to their residence period.

The General Traffic Administration has decided to discon-

tinue accepting amicable settlement of violations committed by women wearing the *Niqab* (face cover) because the number of violations have increased.

### Depositions

The directors of traffic departments at the five governorates have been instructed to carry out the decision to deport non-Kuwaiti drivers who repeat dangerous traffic violations.

The traffic administration also decided to confiscate the cars of persons who carried other people for money without having a

licence for this.

It said that the file of a car cannot be transferred from one traffic department to another without the approval of the director or his assistant.

Traffic policemen and patrols were ordered not to confiscate or seize driving licences or car registration books except in the case of reckless driving, passing the red signal, driving over 140 km/h or driving while intoxicated.

The administration is to make a comprehensive study on the use of microfilm for information on cars and driving licences.

## Breast cancer

# Detection at early stage ideal for recovery

A SYMPOSIUM on breast cancer was organised by the Women's Cultural Society in co-operation with Kuwait Anti-Cancer Centre at Mishref Secondary School for Girls, Wednesday.

Dr Husain Al Jassaf, head of the Cancer Information Unit at Kuwait Anti-Cancer Centre was invited by the Women's Cultural Society to lecture at the symposium.

Jassaf began the lecture by saying that early detection of breast cancer is the shortest way for treatment and will lead to complete recovery without having to remove the breast.

**Common**  
He added that in general women are concerned about the issue of breast cancer which represents one of the common diseases in Kuwaiti society.

Dr Jassaf said that breast cancer in particular represents the most common type of cancer among women. Statistics indicate that this type of cancer is noticeably increasing in Kuwait.

Jassaf spoke about breast cancer symptoms and diagnosis in details.

He pointed out that other types of unarmful swellings which are identical to cancer may have the same symptoms as breast cancer.



Shamlian visits PAAET College

Minister of Higher Education and Training, (PAAET) Dr Ali Al Shamlian visited the PAAET College for Boys and Girls, the authority's Director General of the authority, Abdul Rahman Al Muhallab and deputy director, Hishoud Al Mudar and other officials accompanied the minister during his visit.

Shamlian first visited the boys college at Rawdah and inspected its various sections and labs. Later he visited the girls college in Shuwaikh.

# Singapore trade mission arrives

FORTY Singaporean businessmen representing the city state's leading firms yesterday began a four-day visit to Kuwait as part of a Middle East tour which also included visits to Oman, the UAE, and Saudi Arabia and will entail business meetings in Cairo.

The businessmen are eager to meet local importers, distributors and manufacturers to explore possibilities for deals in construction, electronics, exhibition services and computer training. The Singaporeans will also be looking for agents to market a wide range of products such as computers, chemicals, water desalination plant, engineering products, building materials, medical supplies, garments and foodstuffs. The mission will also hold talks with Kuwait's Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



Sony exhibition '89

Supplying Store Co., sole agent of Sony in Kuwait, opened the Sony Exhibition '89 with a grand reception at the Al Jahra Ballroom, Meridien Hotel on November 1. Abdullah Al Yagout, General Manager of Supplying Store Co. welcomed over 400 guests consisting mainly of Sony dealers in Kuwait. The occasion was highlighted by the launching of the newest member of the Sony family of video. The new Sony VHS.

Special guest in the exhibition was Ms. Yumiko Abe, Sales Rep for Middle East, Sony Corporation, Japan, who in her opening remarks said, "The Sony video family is now complete. We have the BETA, 8 mm and the VHS. No other company has these three formats completely except Sony. In this way, we are now in a position to meet all the needs of the market."

Sony Corporation, Japan started marketing the VHS in 1988 and in a very short period of time, sales

in Japan, Europe and the United States have started to soar tremendously. In Kuwait, the Sony VHS will be made available in the market in late December of this year.

Sony Exhibition '89 dramatically demonstrated once again Sony's technological leadership. Aside from the VHS, product displays showcasing the latest models of Sony Video 8 Cameras, Betamax, Black Trinitron, the all-new Dynapower and FH-Series brought rave reviews from the visitors. In short, this year's exhibition of new Sony products reaffirmed the long-standing super quality of Sony's technological prowess.

Picture shows Abdullah Al-Yagout, General Manager of Supplying Store Co. WLL and Ms. Yumiko Abe, Sales Rep. for Middle East, Sony Corporation Japan, during the opening ceremony for the Sony VHS video recorder.

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## Local paper raps Arab regimes

KUWAIT, Nov 3, (Kuna): A leading Kuwaiti daily has strongly criticised Arab governments for their inability to co-ordinate their policies and strategies in the interest of the nation.

The paper in its editorial Thursday said the absence of unified Arab strategy was responsible for all the crises and setbacks that hit the Arab world.

The paper's rap of "Arab

regimes" was prompted by what it called trans-continent successful co-operation between racist South Africa and Zionist Israel in military fields.

"Regardless of US press justifications concerning the exposure of the military and technological co-operation between Israel and South Africa, this co-operation has long been known and yet the Arab world

stood hand-cuffed," the paper said.

It added that the Arab world possesses human, scientific and material capabilities that could enable it to produce nuclear bombs and missiles "but we know that the differences existing between Arab regimes and not Arab people are responsible for the threat we are facing."



Skyline Institute career

The faculty member of Skyline Institute of Kuwait visited the Cyprus Institute of Marketing on October 27, 89 and made an agreement by which a student from Kuwait can obtain "Bachelor in Tourism Management" through Skyline Institute. This degree is recognised by the various universities/colleges of Europe and USA Kamal Furi (Asst Training Manager) said.

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**M. Boyer and Josephine learn to dance.**

## Boyer kills his audience with laughs

**By Peter D'Souza**  
Arab Times staff

But unfortunately his thoughts turn to dreams when Lara is accused of stealing Rs 10,000 from Kenny's father's safe. She is driven out of his home while Kenny lies dying from the after effects of drugs. In the end nobody's thoughts are realised.

On the comedy side, Jacinto Vaz, M. Boyer and Josephine banded together to kill the audience with laughter.

The organisers of the drama *Chintna Zalim Sopnam* were the New Goans Association.

The main function of the society is enhancing international co-operation in the field of space sciences and exchange of expertise in this respect.

## 5 years for drug trading

Meanwhile, the Criminal Court has sentenced a housemaid and her lover, to three years in jail with hard labour each to be followed by deportation for adultery. The court heard that the employer of the housemaid managed to catch the lovers in the act. Both are married with their spouses abroad.

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## Nawaf returns

Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed returned yesterday from Saudi Arabia, where he attended the GCC Defence Ministers meeting. He described defence and security co-operation among the Gulf Co-operation Council states as constructive.

# Divorce rate on the increase: study

## Kuwaiti women most expensive

**By Jamal Ameen**

As to the general divorce rate among Kuwaitis, the study says that the percentage dropped from 4.7 per thousand in 1970 to 4.4 per thousand in 1979, a major upswing took place after 1979 to reach 5.7 per thousand in 1986 with a sudden decrease afterwards down to 5.1 per thousand in 1987; however it remained higher than normal before 1980.

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The study says that total divorce cases recorded rose from 912 in 1968 to 2697 in 1987, by an increase percentage of 195.7, and that total rate of divorce steadily increased from time to time reaching percentages 30, 24, 34.2 per cent.

**Increase**

As to the cases recorded among non-Kuwaitis based on age factor, the study says that divorces among non-Kuwaitis between 30 to 39 of age was highest of all total cases recorded in the years 73, 78, 83 and 1987, reaching percentages such as

36.9, 46.96, 40.9 and 38 per cent consecutively.

Moreover, the number of divorces among people with intermediate educational level in 1982 rose to 36.9 per cent among husbands, and 30.7 per cent among wives, and that the highest divorce rate recorded in 1973 among non-Kuwaiti illiterates was 26.5 per cent in husbands and 41.6 per cent in wives, while the percentage was highest among secondary school graduates in husbands reaching 32.6 per cent and 36.3 per cent wives, but the percentage hit rock bottom among those who could neither read nor write reaching 7 and 5.8 per cent.

The study uncovered that the highest percentage of divorce among Kuwaiti husbands was that among those working in the services sector reaching 32.8 per cent of the total number of cases recorded in 1983, totalling 1784 cases, while cases recorded among those operating in the executive sector reached 25.8 per cent of the cases recorded, and the cases recorded among those with no profession was 10.8 and counting 193 cases in the same year.

Among non-Kuwaitis, the study goes on, executive employees came first in the divorce rate recorded in 1987 with a percentage of 27.8 per cent of the total cases recorded, totalling 769.

**Dowries**  
Meanwhile, a statistical report issued by the Computer Information Centre at the Justice Ministry revealed that the number of Kuwaiti women married for a dowry over KD1000 to 1999 were 700, while Jordanian women (of Palestinian origin) married for the same dowry were 69, 64 Saudis, 61 Egyptians and 60 Iraqis.

The report says that those married accepting a dowry of KD2000 to 2999 were 1350 Kuwaiti women, 281 Jordanians and 61 Iraqis, while 1207 Kuwaiti, 597 Jordanians, 88 Iraqis, 69 Saudis and 58 Lebanese were married for a dowry ranging between KD5000 to 9999.

The report said that those who married for a dowry exceeding KD15,000 were 9 Iraqis, 8 Jordanians, 7 Kuwaitis and 7 Asians, while those whose dowry ranged between KD10,000 to KD15,000 were 58 Kuwaitis, 44 Jordanians, 17 Iraqis and one American.

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## EDITORIALS

## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

I ALWAYS prefer to believe the best of everybody — It saves so much trouble — Rudyard Kipling, English writer (1865-1936).

## Vying for votes in Jordan town

JORDAN'S first national election in 22 years will test the pull of tribal ties, leftist ideology and Muslim fervour in the long-politicised southern town of Kerak.

Riots in April in protest at economic austerity measures jogged King Hussein into calling elections for a new 80-seat Parliament.

About 15,000 Christians live alongside 125,000 Muslims in the shadow of Kerak's towering Crusader Castle — a religious mix not found in the rest of the mainly Muslim south.

Narrow, hilly streets are now aflitter with the banners of 66 candidates battling for nine seats, two of them reserved for a Christian community which has seldom fought shy of politics.

Kerak Christians like Yaacoub Zayadin and Issa Mdanat helped to found the Jordan Communist Party in 1951, while others were drawn to Baathist socialism after studying in Iraq in the 1960s.

King Hussein banned all political parties in 1957 when Arab nationalists inspired by Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser threatened his government. The parties have since led a harried, twilight existence with their leaders often in jail.

The ban remains, but the government has turned a blind eye to the handful of ageing radicals standing as individuals.

It wants the poll to be free and fair and seems confident that few of those blinking in the light of sudden legitimacy will be sufficiently organised to win.

Communist leader Zayadin, standing in an Amman constituency, fears the government's calculation may be correct. "The national movement has become weak," he admitted.

In Kerak, as elsewhere, leftists have not pooled their resources and may suffer for it in the November 8 poll.

"Political forces are now fighting each other and parties are split internally," said former Kerak deputy Riyad Nawayseh, a Baathist who fought briefly for Iraq in the Gulf war and spent several months in prison after the April riots.

Nawayseh won his seat in a 1984 by-election unopposed by big tribes which already had their men in Parliament, originally elected in 1967. He is not sure he can repeat the trick.

"Five years ago nationalist forces and some tribes backed me. Now some of those who supported me are running as candidates and the tribes are divided," he told reporters.

He said traditional allegiances remained the key to reaching Parliament, but Jordan's economic crisis had fuelled demands for deputies with stronger merits than the right tribal background.

"We are in a new phase," said Mohammed Faris Al Tarawneh, a Baathist candidate. "It requires new faces able to cope with the political, social and economic challenges."

Tribes who have dominated the Kerak area for decades, if not centuries, are splintering as seldom before.

The Majali tribe, closely allied to the Hashemite family of King Hussein, has put up four candidates despite the efforts of its senior Sheikh Habis Majali to narrow the field to one.

"Maybe in the next general elections, anyone will be able to win without his tribe," said Tarawneh, a member of the town's largest clan. Three fellow-tribesmen are standing against him.

The monolithic tribal vote may be fading. The old-leftist and Arab nationalist parties may have withered and their relevance diminished during years in the wilderness.

The election results should show if Muslim fundamentalists have been able to take advantage of these changes.

The Muslim Brotherhood, licensed as a charity, escaped the ban on political parties. It is fielding 26 candidates, including one in Kerak, and is backing 15 others. (Kerak, Jordan — Reuters).

## Greek elections

## Poorest area comes under the spotlight

WOMEN struggle to heat water with wood fires and men sit in the tiny coffee shop under a gas lamp in the shadow of the rugged mountains of central Greece.

They talk often about World War Two and the bloody civil war which followed.

They speculate on when the winter snows will fall, cutting the village off again, and ask the rare visitor for a newspaper, "so difficult to get here."

"Our vote is as important as anyone's but we are forsaken by all," village mayor Panayotis Tolis said during a recent visit.

Monastiraki is some 60 km (37 miles) north of Karpenisi, the capital of impoverished and isolated Evritania province, two hours' drive through thick green forests, mostly over dirt roads and shaly wooden bridges.

The personal commitment which Constantine Mitsotakis, leader of the centre-right New Democracy Party, has made to holding the province's single seat in Parliament has thrown Evritania into the limelight.

His daughter, Dora Bakoyannis, is a candidate for the seat in Sunday's national election and holding it is vital to Mitsotakis' bid to increase his 145 seats in the 300-seat Parliament into an absolute majority.

She has replaced her husband, slain New Democracy deputy Pavlos Bakoyannis, who won his traditionally left wing native region from the socialists in June elections.

## No confidence vote

## Benazir survives, just, unsafe

PAKISTANI Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has emerged triumphant from an opposition attempt to unseat her but with her troubles far from over.

The opposition managed to muster only 107 votes for Wednesday's no-confidence vote in the national assembly — 12 short of the 119 needed to defeat Bhutto.

Political commentators say that has given her a much needed breathing space but her 11-month-old minority government still needs the aid of members whose support is conditional.

Opposition leaders Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi and Bhutto's arch enemy, Punjab Chief Minister Nawaz Sharif, made clear they regarded their failure as only the first attempt.

"It is the will and objective of the combined opposition party to shake the foundations of the corrupt, inefficient and inept government," Jatoi told reporters on Wednesday.

But the fact that Pakistan's fragile democracy survived the trial of strength has brought a collective sigh of relief.

"At least the best is that the whole thing began and ended on the floor of the national assembly. There was no recourse to street agitation or the army. I think that is definitely a political plus," Mushahid Hussain, a respected political commentator, said.

Despite allegations on both sides of underhand or illegal tactics to win support, Pakistan's English language press hailed the exercise as a victory for democracy.

"If such be the performance of the assembly in the future, then there is every reason to believe that Pakistan's parliamentary system has crossed another hurdle on its way to becoming a true repository of the will of the nation," an editorial in the Muslim daily said.

Benazir, who is expecting her second child, is the first prime minister to face a no-confidence motion in Pakistan where leaders have more usually been deposed by the army.

The military has ruled this overwhelmingly Muslim country of 107 million people for more than



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half of its 42-year history. The military deposed Benazir's father Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in 1977.

The late General Zia governed for 11 years, first under martial law then as president. Zia died in an

unexplained plane crash three months before elections that brought Benazir to power.

The 36-year-old prime minister and the first elected woman leader in the Muslim world faces vehement opposition from Muslim fundamentalists who believe a woman has no place in public life.

For the present, Benazir must deal with the political fallout of the past week and galvanize her government to deal with pressing economic and social problems.

Jatoi accused her during the no-confidence debate of presiding over gross corruption, inefficient administration and a breakdown in law and order.

Hussain said some of those accusations and criticism from within her Pakistan People's Party (PPP) were justified.

Benazir herself admitted after the vote: "We may have made mistakes, we are not angels."

According to PPP sources, she was likely to face a stormy meeting of her parliamentary group on Thursday with members emboldened by the vote to voice their unhappiness.

Chief among the gripes, according to Hussain and Western diplomats, is the difficulty of ordinary members and even junior ministers to get through the mass of advisers surrounding Benazir to discuss their problems.

The performance of many ministers is widely considered very poor.

Hussain, who believes Benazir will wait at least two weeks before announcing a shakeup, said: "I would think that eventually she will knock out about 50 per cent of these jokers."

"There will not be a night of the long knives, however, because they would just join the opposition."

Benazir has already made moves to make up with President Ghulam Ishaq Khan after months of bickering. She saw him formally for the first time in three months on the eve of the vote and they are due to dine together on Saturday. (Islamabad — Reuters)

## Hostage issue still dogs US, Iran

TEN years ago, 52 Americans were taken hostage in Iran. They were held for 444 days.

Other kidnapped Americans are now captives of pro-Iranian forces in the Middle East and the hostage issue is still emotional and political dynamite between Iran and the United States.

The two countries have not resumed diplomatic ties and seem unlikely to do so soon. But while enemy and suspicion continue to define their relations, there are new possibilities that the two governments may, some day, move to a less hostile relationship.

"Things aren't as bad as they used to be, not by a huge amount," said analyst William Quandt of the Brookings Institution, a private think tank.

"Iran still has to go through a lot of sorting out of its priorities but there's no reason to think we'll return to the worst days of our hostilities," he said in an interview.

The crisis began on November 4, 1979, when Iranian students, supporters of Ayatollah Khomeini's fundamentalist revolution, seized the American Embassy in Tehran.

It ended on January 20, 1981, — the day Ronald Reagan was inaugurated US president — when the 52 American diplomats and servicemen held by the students were released.

American interests were attacked because the US supported the Shah of Iran, who was toppled in the

revolution and eventually allowed to receive medical care in the United States before he died.

US television broadcast nightly the 14-month drama. It horrified Americans, gave them an acute sense of their government's impotence and spurred a preoccupation with terrorism that has led to greatly increased security at US facilities worldwide.

The crisis was a main reason for Reagan's victory over Jimmy Carter in the 1980 presidential election.

But even Reagan suffered. His emotional response to try to help other American hostages seized in recent years by pro-Iranian forces in Lebanon led to the Iran-Contra affair — a scheme to trade arms to Iran for hostages and use profits to aid the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

It was the biggest crisis of his presidency and effectively ended his active efforts to secure release of the American hostages in Lebanon.

There are now eight American captives. Two of them have been held for nearly five years.

Since the Iran-Contra scandal, the United States has firmly insisted it will make no deals on hostages with Iran although President George Bush, on taking office last January, signalled a new willingness to hold talks with authoritative Iranian representatives.

No talks appear to have taken place but there have been some encouraging developments in Tehran.

The ceasefire in the nine-year Iran-Iraq war has effectively ended the danger of Iran exporting its fundamentalist revolution by force, Quandt said.

It has also given Iran a chance to concentrate on internal matters, particularly reforming a devastated economy.

With the death of the hardline Khomeini earlier this year and the election of President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani — who is considered less ideological and more pragmatic — there have been signs of new Iranian interest in improved ties with the United States.

But those overtures, including Rafsanjani's condemnation recently of hostage-taking as an inhuman act, have been undermined by conditions that Washington refuses to accept.

On Tuesday Rafsanjani repeated an offer to help secure the American hostages' release but only if Washington freed Iranian assets frozen since 1979.

US officials, well aware that anything smacking of a deal could be politically explosive, insist there can be no link between the hostages and the assets.

A special tribunal at the Hague is to decide what should happen to the assets.

To improve ties with Washington, Tehran "for starters could release the hostages (and) renounce state-sponsored terrorism," insists US State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler. (Washington — Reuters).

## Philippines hopes to cut rebel strength

THE Philippine military, announcing fresh gains against communist rebels, says it hopes to slash by half the strength of the guerrilla New People's Army (NPA) in the next two years.

President Corazon Aquino says the armed forces, battling a 20-year communist insurgency in the Philippines, have made good head way in reversing the tide of the rebellion, with a "string of victories" against the guerrillas.

"The leadership of the underground movement has been decimated, and intrigue and demoralisation have swept the enemy ranks," Aquino told military chiefs at a defence department ceremony on October 23.

The shimmering conflict remains the largest communist insurgency being fought in Southeast Asia and the guerrillas have countered losses in the country side with hit-and-run killings in the cities.

The military ordered a crackdown on communist death squads in Manila to thwart an alleged rebel plan for assassinations during President Aquino's visit to the United States and Canada, starting this weekend.

Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos said the NPA had lined up senior government and military officials, US servicemen and vital public installations as targets for attack.

"The (rebels) plan to intensify their terroristic activities, eyeing sensitive political targets... to embarrass the government especially during President Aquino's visit to Canada and the United States" on November 4-11, Ramos said.

About 70 soldiers, policemen and officials have died this year in Manila street attacks by leftist death squads, called "Sparrows" for their quickness.

At a briefing on Thursday, armed forces chief of staff General Renato de Villa told reporters that



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NPA strength had been cut to an estimated 19,780 men as of September, from a 20-year high of 25,000 men in mid-1988.

Brigadier-General Lisandro Abadia, deputy chief of staff for operations, said the military aimed to cut NPA strength in half to 10,000 men by 1992, when Aquino completes her term as president.

"The insurgency situation continues to be in a downward trend, very much in favour of the government," De Villa said.

Ramos said the military had either killed or captured 42 top communist cadres this year, causing disintegration in rebel ranks.

Aquino has said she will defeat the insurgency by the end of her term with a combination of military force and improved economic conditions for the country's 60 million people, many of whom now live in extreme poverty.

Among successes claimed by the military was the capture in July of Satur Ocampo, leader of the National Democratic Front, a communist-led umbrella organisation linking leftist groups.

Army intelligence officials have said Ocampo admitted in documents seized from him that the guerrillas had suffered strategic setbacks with the recapture of hundreds of rebel-held villages in the past three years.

Ocampo blamed the losses on low quality and inexperienced cadres, political mistakes, and failure of the communist leadership "to provide direction" to the military said.

The Philippine military has cashed in on a series of propaganda setbacks for the NPA, including the unearthing of graves of scores of communist sympathisers apparently shot by the rebels because they feared they were government agents.

But Aquino warned the army last month that corruption and human rights abuses by soldiers could undermine their success against the NPA.

"The spectre of corruption and abuse still hovers over us, threatening to erode the meaningful relationship between the man in uniform and the civilian populace," she declared. (Manila — Reuters)

## Lebanon's election impasse threatens turmoil

DEEP rifts between Lebanon's Christians over whether to accept presidential elections under an Arab peace plan threatens to plunge the battered country into fresh turmoil.

Lebanon Army chief Michel Aoun has said he will block a session of Parliament called for Saturday at the temporary Mansour Palace legislature which he controls on the Green Line battlezone between Christians and Muslim Beirut.

Muslim parliamentary sources said this would force acting parliamentary Speaker Hussein Husseini to convene Parliament in an area out of reach of Aoun's forces.

"Even if Aoun's threat was seen as unconstitutional, he still controls the Christian enclave (the presidential seat) and can easily forbid the president from setting foot there," an Arab diplomat said.

"It would further complicate things as all the international and Arab forces will recognise the elected president and his government," he said.

"The Muslim half of Lebanon will be under legal authority, while the Christian areas will be an internationally outlawed territory," he added.

"I can see it very clearly — if there was no consensus now then big trouble is ahead."

Aoun opposes the Arab peace plan for Lebanon because it fails to guarantee the withdrawal of Syria's 33,000 troops from the country.

He feels betrayed by the 31 Christian parliamentarians who met with 31 Muslim deputies in the Saudi hill resort of Taif to agree an Arab League-brokered plan to end Lebanon's 14 years of civil war.

Aoun told the Christian deputies not to accept a plan granting political concessions to Lebanon's Muslim majority unless the withdrawal of Syrian forces was guaranteed.

Fifty-eight deputies agreed a pact which said only that Syrian troops would redeploy to Lebanon's eastern Bekaa valley within two years of political

reforms being implemented.

The plan formulated by the Arab League's committee on Lebanon — Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Algeria — has been backed by regional and foreign powers, including Syria.

But Lebanon's Shiite Muslims, the largest group in the country, and Iran oppose the pact because it reserves the posts of president and prime minister for a Christian and a Sunni Muslim respectively.

They want a secular constitution which ensures they will win a larger slice of power due to their greater numbers.

"The rule is very clear. The Holy Bible says every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation and a house divided against a house falleth," said a senior Christian Lebanese cleric.

Aoun, who commands half the country's 30,000-strong army, said he would dissolve Parliament and suspend the constitution in his capacity as head of the interim cabinet. (Beirut — Reuters)

## Letters to the editor

## Discipline lacking

SIR: On Oct 10, we had an opportunity to attend the Bangladesh Sports Championship for Children which was held at the Kuwait University campus.

It was a happy occasion for children to participate in various sports events. For the massive arrangements, merit goes to those who have organised and poured their sweat for it.

But unfortunately their toil could be well rewarded and the event could have been more successful if discipline and fairness were availed on the occasion.

If time is the prime factor of life, unfortunately it did not appear so in the field where the participants and the audience kept on waiting for two hours for the actual programme to start! It was even worse for the competitors most of whom were small children waiting under the scorching sun. When the opening ceremony at last began with the march past, everyone was wondering why there was no music to inspire! Surely most of the organisers have at least once in their life time have seen a proper sports function from which they could borrow the idea!

Once the competition started in various sports events few people had the chance to see what was really going on. There were unwanted people roaming through the field blocking the view.

In spite of all these setbacks the event could still be enjoyable if some of the judges were not biased towards special candidates. Some of them seemed to close their eyes to the fouls by some participants. Some discredited the winners by repeating the competition in some events.

This type of attitude did not even spare a local newspaper coverage where the names of some particular winners appeared, greatly hurting the feelings and dignity of vast majority of other (some of them top) winners. Some of the organisers' names got focus while others got no attention even though they had also toiled much. It is still unclear why a picture showing "Planning strategy" ... got importance over the picture of the real winners of the day. It could be more appreciated by all if at least one group photograph of the winners were taken and printed.

It is the wish and hope of everyone that fairness and fairplay will be upheld in the next sports programme and only people of integrity should be chosen as judges' otherwise competitors will lose their interest pretty fast.

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## Quote me

"Maybe people feel sorry for me that I'm no longer number one. They like to root for the underdog. Also they relate to someone with a family and people understand me more as a person. It's nice to have support, better to have it now than never. Before when the crowds were against me, it was partly my own fault because of how good I was." — McEnroe on his popularity after beating Andre Agassi.

"A very deep, complicated, important religion has been fed to us in a very twisted, perverted, erroneous version by Hollywood primarily. Imagine you know nothing about Christianity and I show you (the movie) 'The Exorcist'. That is what our education and introduction into voodoo has been here in America. We only get the negative, bizarre side." — Jonathan Demme, movie director on American misconceptions about voodoo, a Haitian religion.

"I think I have everything to be there, to be number one. I just need time." — Argentine Gabriela Sabatini after a virtual walkover against Cammy McGregor.

"This almost borders on bad faith. Here you have a prosecutor who has built a Chinese wall to block off the 'taint' and then he has gone out and hired people to go around the Chinese wall or go through it or under it to make a complete mockery of the process." — John Ponderer's lawyer Richard Becker on why two newly hired prosecutors on the Iran-Contra case should be disqualified because they had seen a televised congressional testimony.

"For our system of cabinet government to work effectively, the prime minister of the day must appoint ministers that he or she trusts and then leave them to carry out the policies. When differences of view emerge... they should be resolved privately and, whenever appropriate, collectively." — Ex-chancellor of Exchequer Nigel Lawson to the House of Commons.

"You are an embarrassment to the circuit. You're doing a professional job but what do I get in return for my decisions. You don't know what the hell you are talking about. You're a cheat. Give me a game plan, big man." — American John McEnroe castigating Australian umpire Richard Inggs for over-ruling an out call served by Skoff.

"... I was disappointed because this match was a shame for football. Real Madrid played an ugly match and used great force and violence in defence. You only have to look at Van Basten's legs to see that." — Dutch maestro Ruud Gullit commenting on the match between AC Milan and Real Madrid.

"Napoli won twice yesterday: on the field against Wertheim and off the field, through the lesson given to Maradona." — Rome's daily Corriere dello Sport in a commentary on Maradona and his club Napoli.

"The macabre promise of the Shining Path to stain October blood red is being fulfilled. One has to be very brave to be a candidate for a municipal post in Peru in 1989. Almost heroic, especially in the provinces." — Manuel D'Ornelas, editor of Expresso daily on the terror campaign by Shining Path rebels in Peru.

"I am going to give Sunday's race my very best. After all I am a professional. The suspenseful sentence is totally unfair. Formula One is all about racing on the limit and it is unacceptable to put such a weight on my shoulders." — Ayrton Senna, Brazilian F1 world champion, on his disqualification from the Japan Grand Prix.

"I did not mean to slander our prophet. I am a Muslim and I believe in one God, and that Mohammed is His prophet and I insist that I am a Muslim as I have always been and I am living as a Muslim and raising my children on the teachings of Islam." — Mrs Toujan Faisal, a candidate in the Jordanian parliamentary election, after being cleared on charge of apostasy.

"Things flash through my mind that I think's going to happen, and they don't happen. I always said basketball's to play me, or what they're supposed to do, and they don't do it. It really screws me up. I'm a reaction player." — Larry Bird of the Boston Celtics of his kind of game in basketball.



# Amman court throws out apostasy case

AMMAN, Nov 3 (Reuters): An Islamic court yesterday threw out charges of apostasy and atheism filed against a women's rights activist running for Jordan's parliament.

The apostasy case, unprecedented in Jordan, sought to declare Toujan Al Faisal legally incompetent, dissolve her marriage, separate her from her children and give immunity to anyone who shed her blood.

Judicial sources said Sheikh Mahmoud Al Shanqiti had ruled that his Islamic Sharia court had no jurisdiction to deal with the case, which has set Muslim conservatives at loggerheads with their liberal opponents ahead of the Nov 8 election.

The judge, citing constitutional and Sharia court procedure, quashed the case against Faisal in the absence of the two parties. The decision can be challenged in an appeal court.

The judicial sources said Shanqiti based his ruling partly on article 105 of the constitution, which says Sharia courts have jurisdiction on cases concerning the personal status of Muslims, blood money and Muslim religious endowments.

The case was filed by Sheikh Abdul Rahman Ali Al Kurdi, assistant Mufti (religious official) of the armed forces and another man.

After two hearings the court had deferred the case until Nov 9, one day after the election.

Faisal, a former television presenter who aired taboo topics such as wife beating, polygamy and child abuse, is one of 12 women breaking ground by standing for parliament.

She told Reuters she had not wanted the case to be dropped and vowed to sue her accusers for slander.

"It's a public issue and I wanted to let the case go on to expose all the parties involved," she said.

Faisal said an organized group was behind the charges but would not say if it was one of several Islamic groups fielding candidates in Jordan's first national election in 22 years.

"We have discovered something really wrong with our society, but at least it has given Jordanians about to elect their representatives a fair chance to find out what these people mean by applying Islamic law," she said.

Faisal said that three days ago the military justice department had offered to have the charges dropped if she would apologise for an article she had written in defence of women's rights and if she agreed not to press charges of her own.

"I refused. If I am lenient, it will harm others who might be accused like me in the future," she said.

# Afghan rebels reject UN call

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan, Nov 2 (AP): Afghan rebels yesterday reiterated their opposition to negotiating or sharing power with Marxists reacting to a new resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly calling for a broad-based government in Kabul.

"We don't believe it means the puppet regime should have any involvement in the talks," said Najibullah Lefrey, minister of information for a rebel alliance based in Pakistan. The ruling Communist Party in Afghanistan "has no support, so how can it be included in a broad-based government?"

"We see the (UN) resolution as the same as last year," he said.

The UN document, adopted by consensus on Wednesday, calls for an "intra-Afghan dialogue for the establishment of a broad-based government to ensure ... immediate participation of all segments of the Afghan people."

The insurgents, armed mainly by the United States and Pakistan, have been fighting the Soviet-backed Kabul government for the past 11 years.

The ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan seized power in a bloody 1978 military coup.

An official of the Pakistan Foreign Ministry, which drafted the UN resolution in consultation with Moscow, described the call as vague.

"The Soviet side may interpret it as comprising all sides, including Afghan President Najib and the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan," said the official, asking not to be identified by name.

But the rebels have refused to accept either Najib or his party in a post-war government.

The resolution's call for a "cessation of hostilities" also is open to interpretation, the Pakistani official said.

Kabul and Moscow have said they want a cease-fire first, followed by efforts to find a political solution. Mujahadeen have refused to lay down their arms until Najib and his party are out.

"There have been compromises on both sides to reach a consensus resolution," said the Pakistani official. "How else do you achieve a consensus?" he asked.

The official also acknowledged the call for an intra-Afghan dialogue wasn't new.

# It's PLO to decide, says Mubarak

CAIRO, Nov 3 (AP): President Hosni Mubarak said yesterday it was for the Palestine Liberation Organisation, not Egypt, to decide whether to accept a US Middle East peace plan.

He said Egypt's role is only to consult with and advise the PLO and then convey its position to the United States and Israel.

Egypt always has maintained that the PLO, as "the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people," is the decision-maker on all matters relating to the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza.

But this is the first time Mubarak specifically said acceptance or rejection of the Baker plan was up to the PLO.

Mubarak and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat answered reporters' questions after conferring for more than an hour at the presidential office. Their remarks were distributed by Egypt's state-run Middle East News Agency.

Arafat arrived in Cairo on Wednesday night.

US Secretary of State James Baker has proposed a five-point plan for an Israeli-Palestinian preliminary peace dialogue. He sent it to Israel and Egypt early last month and has been in constant touch with the foreign ministers of the two countries since.

Mubarak was asked what he thought of the Baker plan. He did not give Egypt's or the PLO's opinion but simply stated the limits and responsibility of his country and the organisation.

"Egypt is not the one to decide whether to accept Baker's proposals," the president told reporters. "This must be decided by the PLO, which has the right to do so."

"If we (Egypt) have an opinion, we discuss it with the organisation and with President Arafat. He, in turn, discusses it with his people and then comes to us to agree on what to convey and explain to the Americans."

He said that once the PLO makes a decision or formulates a position "we (Egypt) sponsor it" (to the PLO) and its positive, constructive role "in peace efforts."

The PLO leader said he supported Mubarak's idea of an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue in Cairo, which Israel rejected last month.

Reports from Jerusalem Wednesday night quoted Israel Radio as saying that Baker has put forward a revised version of his plan to meet some of Israel's objections to his original proposals.

The radio said the redrafted plan would be barred from the proposed dialogue but it left the door open to indirect PLO participation.



Palestinians walk under Israeli Army guard in Gaza prison, known as Anzar 2, on their way to be interviewed by reporters. The prisoners are among 13 Arabs arrested in Gaza's Jabalya refugee camp in an army crackdown on masked activists in the Palestinian uprising. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Nablus under curfew: 2 killed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 1 (AP): Israeli soldiers fatally shot a 16-year-old Palestinian in a clash with stone throwers today in the occupied West Bank, and an Arab woman was killed by fellow Palestinians, apparently for collaboration, Arab reports said.

Both incidents occurred in the old central market of Nablus, the West Bank's largest city with 120,000 people. The city was put under curfew by the army after the incidents.

The army confirmed the woman's death and said she had a criminal record.

The army also said that troops had opened fire with plastic bullets in the central market after stones were thrown, but said it could not say if the teenager was killed in the incident because his family had removed the body from a Nablus hospital for burial before troops arrived.

The youth, Mohammed Ali Ahmad, 16, was shot in the chest when troops opened fire on stone throwers, Arab reports said. He was dead on arrival at Anglican hospital, doctors reported.

The woman, Naima Farouk Jaara, was taken from her home by masked Palestinians and found later with a single bullet wound in the head, Arab reports said.

She was accused of prostitution and collaborating with Israeli authorities, they said.

Meanwhile, the army said soldiers sealed the homes of three Palestinians in the Tufah neighbourhood in Gaza city.

Residents in the houses, including two brothers, were suspected of belonging to the outlawed PLO, of making explosive devices and of throwing Molotov cocktails, the army said.

Israeli soldiers yesterday shot and killed a masked West Bank youth, while Palestinians throughout the occupied territories staged a strike to mark the 72nd anniversary of the Balfour Declaration promising a Jewish homeland.

At least five other Palestinians were shot and wounded during confrontations with Israeli soldiers, Palestinian sources said. Masked assailants in the Gaza Strip also attacked a Palestinian couple suspected of collaborating with Israel, the sources said.

Military sources said two army officers saw a masked Palestinian burning tires at the entrance to the West Bank village of Beit Awn and ordered him to stop, firing shots in the air. When he threw an object toward them, they fired at his legs, the sources said.

# Lebanon house may not meet

Aoun, deputies on collision course

BEIRUT, Nov 3: Attempts to ensure a smooth presidential election have failed and a much-feared confrontation between General Michel Aoun and his Muslim and Christian opponents seem inevitable. Informed political sources in Beirut told As Seyassah that a parliament session, designed to elect a speaker, endorse the Taif agreement and elect a new head of state for Lebanon, will not be held as scheduled tomorrow due to a lack of quorum.

Instead, the sources said, arrangements would be made to help parliament meet in West Beirut by Monday or Tuesday. Saturday's session was supposed to take place at the "Mansour Palace, on the green line that splits Beirut into Muslim and Christian halves."

A meeting yesterday between Aoun and Maronite patriarch Nasrallah Butros Sfar failed to defuse tension between Aoun and Christian deputies who



Fatima and her three children pass through deserted land in the heart of Beirut after getting much needed drinking water from a nearby spring. The area's battered look is a legacy of the 15-year-old civil war in Lebanon. (Reuters wirephoto)

are still in Paris waiting for the outcome of mediation attempts with the army chief.

An informed source in East Beirut told As Seyassah that Sfar's meeting with Aoun was a stormy one during which Aoun assailed the Christian deputies for accepting the Taif accord. It should be noted that Patriarch Sfar, who has supported the Taif agreement, has implicitly criticised Aoun, saying the latter's rejection of the Arab peace plan would lead Lebanon to partition and disintegration.

Similarly, attempts undertaken in the past two days by former president Charles Helou have failed to bridge the gap between Aoun and Christian deputies. Aoun, who has rejected the Taif agreement because it failed to ensure a quick Syrian troop withdrawal from Lebanon, has threatened to dissolve parliament and suspend the constitution in an attempt to block the presidential election.

He has insisted that Christian deputies must return to Beirut to consult and agree with him on the Taif accord and the presidential election before parliament could meet to elect a new president.

However, in spite of Aoun's tough stand, moves are underway in West Beirut to set the stage for a parliament session to approve the political reforms contained in the Taif agreement and elect a new president. Political sources in West Beirut told As Seyassah that arrangements would be made to convene parliament at the Unesco building in West Beirut if Aoun went ahead with his plans to prevent deputies from reaching the "Mansour Palace."

The sources said a special plane would carry the deputies who are still in Paris and elsewhere to Beirut on Monday so that a parliament session can be held the next day.

Parliament speaker Hussein Al Hussein expressed optimism yesterday saying that the presidential election would take place as scheduled by Nov 7, the date fixed by the higher Arab tripartite committee for the Lebanese parliament to endorse reforms and elect a new president.

Hussein said the deputies' moves to elect a new president are backed by Arab states and international powers. It should be noted that the five permanent members of the UN Security Council this week expressed their support for the Taif agreement.

Meanwhile, Aoun and his senior aides met today amid indications that he will dissolve parliament.

# Israel short of supercomputers

# H-bomb research hampered

WASHINGTON, Nov 3 (AP): US reluctance to sell supercomputers to Israel reportedly is hampering the Jewish nation's research on a hydrogen bomb, according to a classified report and experts' opinions.

Recent leaks by the US Defense Department and the Central Intelligence Agency about Israeli co-operation with South Africa in developing nuclear-capable ballistic missiles are expected to damage Israel's chances of acquiring such computers, said experts and sources familiar with the case.

Israel has never confirmed or denied that it is conducting any nuclear weapons research, although there have been widespread claims of such activities in recent years. Officially, Israeli spokesmen say only that Israel will not be the first nation to introduce nuclear arms into the Middle East.

A US government intelligence team has been debating a

two-year-old request to grant licenses for three supercomputers to Israel, and meet this week in an effort to reach a decision. The group is discussing similar requests from India and Brazil, said one source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

A classified report prepared in April 1987 for the Department of Defense said the Israelis didn't yet have the capability to carry out the kinds of calculations necessary for hydrogen bomb development.

"As far as the nuclear technology is concerned, the Israelis are roughly where the US was in the fission weapon field in about 1955 to 1960," said the report, prepared by the Institute for Defense Analyses and made available to the Associated Press.

The research is being conducted at two nuclear facilities — one near the Negev desert town of Dimona and the other at the

Sorek facility south of Tel Aviv, according to the document.

The report said the Sorek Centre works in "close collaboration" with the Hebrew University. The university is one of the three Israeli institutions trying to buy a supercomputer, said another source.

The other two are the Technion Institute of Technology and the government-owned Israel military industries. Technion is trying to raise \$10 million among its supporters in the United States to buy the computer, according to the American Society for Technion.

One source, who was a key player in the inter-agency deliberations until recently, said Technion, which wants to buy a Cray computer, and Hebrew University, which is trying to purchase an IBM supercomputer, have both offered guarantees that the machines will be used only for academic research purposes.

# Baker offers changes Israel undecided on talks in Cairo

TEL AVIV, Nov 3 (Agencies): Israel's coalition leaders failed today to draft a response to US proposals for Israeli-Palestinian talks in Cairo.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his three most powerful ministers conferred for about an hour but were able to say only that their "positive" attitude was "not a commitment."

"This effort will continue and hopefully succeed and a joint formula will be submitted to the cabinet," the four men said in a joint statement read to reporters.

The Cairo talks were proposed to break a deadlock on Israel's call for Palestinian elections in the occupied Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said the four men, two each from rival sides of Israel's coalition government, had discussed the latest US proposal but did not know when they would meet again.

Israel must decide quickly if it is to issue a response to US Secretary of State James Baker before Shamir leaves for the United States on Nov 13.

Members of Shamir's right-wing Likud faction had described the new US proposal as a victory for Israel that gave it a veto over the composition of the Palestinian delegation in Cairo.

But Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak angered Israeli officials by saying yesterday that the Palestine Liberation Organisation would have to approve preparations for the Cairo talks.

Rabin indicated there was still a realistic chance Israel would approve the US plan. He said efforts would continue to present a unified position to the Israeli cabinet for a vote soon.

Shamir was reported open to accepting the American proposal before the session. But hardliners in his Likud Bloc strongly criticised the revised US plan as still too weak to block PLO involvement in the peace process.

Rabin, in reply to reporters' questions, said there remained the chance there could be a positive response to Baker's call for an Israeli-Palestinian meeting in Cairo to discuss Israel's proposal for election in the occupied territories.

"I see great significance in that the national unity government will continue to look for opportunities to realise our initiative. I think it certainly has a chance," he said.

Washington has offered Israel a "effective veto" over the composition of a Palestinian team to negotiate elections in the occupied territories, a government minister said yesterday.

While Israeli newspapers described the amendments to Baker's five-point plan as minor, Environment Minister Ronnie Milo, a close ally of Shamir, said Israel had won its demands.

Baker has yielded to Israeli demands for changes in his five-point plan to achieve a Palestinian-Israeli dialogue but his submission was bound to ensure total Palestinian rejection of the plan and the proposals, according to official and diplomatic sources in Washington.



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak (left) meets with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat at the Presidential Palace in Cairo. (Reuters wirephoto)



Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir (right) and Vice-Premier Shimon Peres leave Peres home in Tel Aviv. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Ethiopia restores ties with Israel

ADDIS ABABA, Nov 3 (Reuters): Marxist Ethiopia, facing a mounting rebellion in the north, said today it had re-established diplomatic ties with Israel which it severed 16 years ago.

A Foreign Ministry statement said the reason which led to relations being cut, Israel's 1973 war with the Arab world, no longer existed.

Diplomatic analysis in East Africa had long predicted the resumption of the ties, saying Israel was likely to give aid to Ethiopia which is fighting an

# Khamenei calls for 'perpetual struggle' against United States, denies split

TEHRAN, Nov 3 (AP): Iran's leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has called on Iranians "to wage perpetual struggle" against "arrogant powers headed by the United States" amid a swelling wave of anti-American sentiment in the Islamic Republic.

Khamenei was addressing hundreds of students when Iran's parliament passed a law claiming the power to arrest Americans anywhere and put them on trial if they seek to harm Iranians or the Islamic Republic.

The move came three days before an expected eruption of anti-American demonstrations on Saturday to mark the 10th anniversary of the seizure of the US embassy in Tehran.

Militants who stormed the sprawling embassy complex on Nov 4, 1979, held 52 diplomats and other embassy personnel hostage for 444 days.

Khamenei, the successor to revolutionary patriarch Ayatollah Khomeini, who died on June 3, said: "The dismay and shame resulting from this humiliation will always remain on the face of the oppressor ringleaders of the United States."

The pro-Iranian Revolutionary Justice organisation, which holds at least two American hostages in Lebanon, said it will kill 10 Americans for any threat against a "single revolutionary" under the new US law.

Iran's state-run television network broadcast Khamenei's address. It showed students punching the air with their fists and chanting "Marg bar Amrika" or "Death to America" and "Khamenei is our leader. We obey your orders, Khamenei."

He delivered his speech amid intensifying calls from various groups for a massive demonstration outside the former embassy compound, now a school for Revolutionary Guards, on Saturday.

Khamenei, Rafsanjani's key ally, denied there was a split in the hierarchy and declared: "Our enemies suggest that there are two factions in Iran... and that preparations are being made for coming to terms with so-and-so."

"But such reports are divorced from the truth. In Iran, anyone who has faith in Islam and the Islamic foundations of the revolution believes in perpetual struggle with the standard bearers of the arrogant powers headed by the United States."

Khamenei said: "It is impossible for a revolution with an Islamic ideology to consider itself safe from the attacks of the United States and its like."

Iran's former interior minister, the headline Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, today denied reports of factional power struggles within the Islamic Republic's leadership, saying it was united behind its anti-American policies.

In an interview with the Islamic Republic News Agency, Mohtashemi said that reports of a power struggle between radicals and pragmatists in Iran were "totally erroneous."

By law, Congress has 50 days to consider the package and veto the sale. If Congress does nothing, the sale will go through automatically.

General killed

ISLAMABAD, Nov 3 (Reuters): An Afghan Army general was killed when a plane flying from the capital Kabul to the eastern town of Jalalabad crashed into a tree on landing, the official Kabul Radio said.

The broadcast, monitored in Islamabad, identified the officer as Brigadier-General Asadullah Moja and said he was buried in Kabul on Wednesday.

SAUDI TANK SALE

WASHINGTON, Nov 3 (UPI): The Pentagon notified Congress yesterday of plans to sell Saudi Arabia 315 M-1 Abrams tanks, 30 recovery vehicles, 175 trucks and other support equipment for \$3.1 billion.

By law, Congress has 50 days to consider the package and veto the sale. If Congress does nothing, the sale will go through automatically.

SAUDI DIPLOMAT

NICOSIA, Nov 3 (Reuters): The body of a Saudi diplomat killed in Beirut was flown to Jeddah yesterday aboard a special aircraft, Saudi television said.

Mohammed Al Marzouki, 70, was shot dead by three gunmen as he left his home in the Muslim sector of the Lebanese capital on Wednesday.

COPTER CRASH

AMMAN, Nov 3 (Reuters): A Jordanian military helicopter crashed in the Jordan valley yesterday killing all the eight officers and crew on board, a military spokesman said.

He told Reuters the helicopter came down in the Ghor Al Safi area south of the Dead Sea, about 180 km (110 miles) from Amman, after a technical failure.

Lebanese released

TRIPOLI, Nov 3 (Reuters): Syria yesterday released 171 Lebanese Muslim fundamentalists of the pro-Iranian Tawheed militia in this northern port city following mediation efforts by Tehran, security sources said.

They said Sheikh Saeed Shaaban, head of the Sunni Muslim movement, escorted the released detainees from Syria to Tripoli, the stronghold of the militia.





Jameela Ibrahim



Audience

## A personality worth remembrance

OCTOBER thirty-first is the most tragic day of Indian history, because five years ago this very same day, India's beloved prime minister late Indira Gandhi was brutally gunned down by a group of terrorists who wanted to disintegrate the secular land into small fragments. Indira Priya Darshini by her heroic death has demonstrated to the world that "cowards die many times before their death but the valiant dies, but once."

The OICC feels gratified for being able to assemble here to share with the millions of toiling masses their grief and sorrow, while they mourn this tragic day of India's great but occasionally tantalising history. The assassins' bullets could destroy her frail

material body in a split second of time but it can never kill for what Indira stood firmly and died for. Then gleaming figure of Indira Gandhi personifying the highest ideals and the message of her valiant death reminds us once more that the dark night that has descended on India in the form of terrorism, separatism and parochial thoughts of disintegration shall soon vanish and an even brighter tomorrow awaits the Indians. The life and death of Indira call them to rise to new heights of heavenly freedom, to the country, where walls of ignoble thoughts shall no more fragment them into smaller pieces. Today we solemnly pledge that Indira Gandhi's death shall never be in vain. By her death she gained

India for us and for our generations to come.

A public meeting was held by the OICC to commemorate the 5th death anniversary of Indira Gandhi on October 31. The OICC president, Vargies Mathew, presided over the meeting. A condolence resolution was presented by general secretary John Mandooran.

Jameela Ibrahim, general secretary of the Kerala Pradesh Mahila Congress (Women's wing of the Congress Party in Kerala) and a member of the KPCC and leading advocate of Quilon, was the main speaker. Jameela told the gathering that Indira was advised to re-structure her per-

sonal security, but she maintained that re-shuffling her security on the lines of cast and creed was against our noble concept of secularism. She said that it is very easy to preach such noble values, but to practice it at the cost of one's own life was a very rare quality seldom seen with politicians.

Indira Gandhi gave her life for the highest ideals of secularism, unity and geographical integrity of India, which are the cherished goals of independent India.

OICC vice-president Joseph Thankachan also spoke on the occasion, vice-president Krishnan Kadalundi welcomed the guests and general secretary I.M.A. Rafeek extended the vote of thanks.

### ARTS

**Islamic Art**  
A SIX week — 12 lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in English at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 10.00 — 12.00 noon. October 29 through December 5, 1989.

As eight week — eight lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in Arabic at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Monday afternoons from 4.00 — 6.00 pm from October 30 through December 19, 1989.

To register for either of these courses please sign up at the Dar Al Athar during museum hours 8.30 am — 12.30 pm.

**Sultan Gallery**  
A COLLECTION of abstract art by Saudi Arabian artist Faisal Samra is on show at the Sultan Gallery. Samra, who experiments with space and form, is exhibiting for the second time in Kuwait. His first exhibition was in 1987. The show is open Saturday to Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, until Nov 15.

**Hobby centre**  
New Courses in Jewellery making and design for adults. For children there is Pottery starting next month for 6 weeks. Tel: 5618847, 5317354.

**Watercolour painting**  
LEARN watercolour painting with Patricia Mills. New 8 week course in drawing and painting for adults. For details Tel: 5618847.

### SOCIAL

**Pianist wanted**  
KUWAIT Little Theatre — Ahmadi urgently require a pianist to help with their pantomime rehearsals and performances. Anyone interested, please call S. Prescott on 3725960 after 3 pm.

**Navelim Youth Centre**  
NOV 16: An annual get-together with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom — Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex — 2426334, Mr Marian — 2416945.

**Star Nite**  
DEC 21: Star Nite Stepping Stones have stepped in and with Perfect Strangers it's going to be a nite to Celebrate Yuletide. Fun fare for children and variety programme for others starting from 5-8.30 pm and goes on from 9 pm until sumptuous buffet mid-night. A galore of prizes with Hamper lucky draws under 555 sponsorship invitations with Shop No. 34 ex New Super Market and contact Tel. 5331940, 2413706 Res.

**Contact**  
THE next meeting of Contact, the ladies information group, will be held on Saturday, November 11, at 10.00 am at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Newcomers are particularly welcome. For more information call 3720197 or 4874513 or 5388105.

**Canadian Women's League**  
NOV. 4: The Canadian Women's League will meet at 4 pm for their monthly meeting. New ladies welcome. Maps available at the Embassy or call 371 8678 for details.

**Ladies International League**  
THE purpose of LIL is to offer women of all nationalities an organisation in which they can enjoy events and activities and, at the same time, meet women of many nationalities and, in that way, gain an insight to the people and culture of other countries.

As our world becomes smaller each day with the ever increasing speed of travel, who knows when you may be in a foreign country new to yourself. Hopefully, as a member of LIL, you will have met someone from that country and know a little of its people and their culture.

Accept the challenge to open yourself up to the new friendships and a new year in Kuwait by joining LIL.

**First "Big" Meeting:**  
NOVEMBER 6, 1989 at the Kuwait Regency Palace Hotel in the Bubyun Room at 7 pm. All ladies are welcome. No children allowed. Watch the Arab Times for more information on LIL.

**Navelim feast**  
The feast of Our Lady of Rosary, Navelim will be celebrated on 15.11.89, at the Holy Family Cathedral at 7.15 am.

**Musical Nights with Adnan Butt**  
A variety of popular Indian and Pakistani songs, ghazals and geets to be presented in exclusive musical gatherings on four consecutive Thursdays starting from November 23, 1989 at various locations in Kuwait. For details contact 3919720, 3610088 and 4743955.

**Get together**  
DEC 22: Southerners welcome you once again to a family get-together at Le Mirage Hall at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel at 10 am.

**Narthana**  
AS a part of the Nehru Centenary year celebrations "Narthana" stages "Anarkali" ballet at IAC hall on Nov. 9. The popular historical story took place in the year 1600 will be staged with the real Mughal Muslim costumes and style. Admission restricted with passes which are available at Tel: 4337608/2425131/3904817/24-61589/5643126.

**Bharathi Mele '89**  
A DAY of fun and enjoyment on November 3, 1989, at Indian Embassy Hall, with lots of games for children as well as adults from 9.00 am to 2.30 pm. For details, please contact Tel: 4898891 or 3920820 or 5612114 or 5627718 or 3726821 or 2465712.

**British Council**  
THE Chain: Sat 4 and Sun, Nov. 5, 6.30 pm — 100 min. Across the length and breadth of London, seven groups of people, all variously tainted with the seven deadly sins — are caught up in the 'chain' of moving houses. The humour of the film is very entertaining. The interesting tour we are given of the less well-known parts of London and the humorous insights into the technicalities of moving house, are an added bonus. Screenplay by John Rosenthal and directed by Jack Gold.

### Rock 'n' roll

NOV 22: Spend a night of nostalgia with music from 1955-1965 provided by "High Spirits" at Messilah Beach Hotel. Fulfill your fantasy and dress as your favourite star of the era or just dress up. Also B.B.Q. and prizes. For details please contact 5624111 ext. 711, 712 or 705.

**Magic show**  
NOV. 9, 10: Expatriate Club will organise the first magic show in Kuwait. Internationally known Indian magician Marco will perform at the Granada Cinema. For details contact Wilson 3918905, Val 5614506 after 5 pm. Tickets available at Raja Stores. Tel. 2412970.

**Anarkali**  
NOV 9: To celebrate the Nehru centenary Narthana, a cultural group will present the Anarkali ballet at the Indian Arts Circle. For special cards contact IAC or Mughal Mahal — 2425131 or 2425132; Kuwait-India International Exchange — 2422699; Al Bahar Video — 5615730; Shabani Video — 4317290.

**German Speaking Cultural Association**  
THE next coffee morning, on the first Sunday of the month (like always) will be held on November 5 at 10 am at the Terrace Room of the Kuwait International Hotel. All German speaking women are welcome, especially newcomers.

**Bob Marley Night**  
NOV 9: A tribute to the king of reggae will be held at the Bneid Al Gar Sea Club Open Air Auditorium on Thursday, November 9, 1989 from 8 to 10.30 pm.

Steve Michael the lead vocalist will perform 20 Marley favourites. Some of the songs will be heard live in Kuwait for the first time. He will be backed by the Reggae Connection.

Tickets priced at KD3 are available on sale at the Bneid Al Gar Sea Club — Tel: 2530388; Shaab Sea Club — Tel: 5640205; Bidaa Sea Club — Tel: 5731477 and Swan Lake recordings Tel: 5721030.

The concert, a repeat of the show held last November at the SAS Tent, is being arranged and presented by Phil Danielle and is open to all — families and singles.

**Barefoot in the Park**  
THE last performance of the hilarious comedy "Barefoot in the Park" will be performed tonight, Nov 4th. A few tickets are still available, at KD3.000 each. The play, directed by Ken Winston and produced by Glenis Muckle, starts at 8.00 pm at the Monstetrap Theatre in the New English School. If it is laughter you are after do not hesitate to reserve your seats by ringing 3903475.

### HOTELS

**SAS Hotel**  
MONGOLIAN BBQ: Every Wednesday at 8 pm at the Viking poolside. For only KD5 for adults and KD 3 for children have the excitement of mixing your own combination of meats, vegetables and sauces and watch our trained cook prepare it for you. Welcome drinks and dessert included. Our Duo Paradise will entertain you with delightful music. For reservation, pls. call 5657000 ext 403.

TENT: Ideally suited for

wedding, parties, seminars, exhibitions, concerts and big functions. Where the old and new traditions blend in its craftsmanship. Fully air-conditioned with maximum seating capacity of 1,100 and with ample parking space, a bridal room and complete banqueting facilities. For inquiries, pls call 5657000 ext 406.

**AL GHAEZER:** Want to relax, have a good tan and get a prize catch? Take an Al-Ghazeer trip. Available for half day and full day trip along the Gulf coastline. Food and beverages also provided on board. For reservation, pls call 5657000 ext 416.

**BISTRETTO:** At the Bistretto, we prepared something new for you. Try our new Italian specialties — Pollo Farcito, Petto D'Anitra Al Mango, Pizza Quattro Stagioni, and lots more. We also serve delicious selections of Continental and Arabic dishes. Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, brunch with the Duo Paradise playing well-loved tunes. Pls call 531.

**AL BOOM:** The only floating restaurant in town. Dine in our delicious Mezzah buffet followed by a speciality from the charcoal grill. Lunch every Thursday and Friday, dinner daily. For reservation, please call 5657000 Ext 403 or 540.

**PEACOCK ROOM:** Dine in a very elegant surrounding on exquisitely prepared Chinese cuisine. Come to our Peacock Room where you can find only the best food in town. Open for lunch and dinner daily. For reservation pls call 5657000 ext 403 or 532.

**CLOCK:** Drive through Clock and order delectable fast food items — shawarma, sam-busek, juicy burgers, crispy French fries and lot more fast food favourites including our very own specialties.

Enjoy a truly elegant and dining experience with the finest cuisine and atmosphere. International music, provided by Jo Lee, a veritable one woman band is guaranteed to help to make the dinner at the Versailles truly a night to remember.

**Kiwi lovers**  
As down under delicacy the Kiwi is featured at Al Fingan till Oct 19th/89 in tempting variety from juices to delicious tarts and desserts.

**Kuwait International**  
AUSTRIAN pastry promotion: Up to Nov 16 at La Patisserie. Austrian pastry chef, Christoph Brandl, will prepare typical Austrian delicacies like Cardinal Tarte, Baron Puckert Tarte, Apple Upside Down Tarte, Linzer Tarte and many more. Hot beverages include Vienna Milk Coffee and Vienna Cinnamon Coffee.

Thursday night cookout: Start the weekend with our Thursday evening Garden Pool barbecue from 7:00 pm onwards. Offers a wide buffet selection of charcoal grilled specialties — succulent steaks, beef ribs, veal roasted over a spit, corn on the cob, salads and fantasy desserts at KD4.900 for adult and half price for child under 12 years. Telephone: 2530000/8006

### SPORTS

Holiday Inn Health Club and Recreation Centre  
SWIMMING lessons

### Pakistan Muslim Club

A GROUP of Pakistanis living in Kuwait has formed an organisation called the "Pakistan Muslim Club." They elected the following office bearers:

Din Hassan Bangash, patron; Mohammad Javid Butt, president; Aftab Ahmed Butt, senior vice president; Mohammad Aslam Rana, vice president; Mohammad Akbar, general secretary; Mir Abdul Hafeez, joint secretary; Arif Latif, finance secretary.

### PRAYERS

Fajr 4.42 am  
Zohr 11.32  
Asr 2.30 pm  
Maghreb 5.00  
Isha 6.18

### Al Andalus

The Last Idol  
Salmiyah  
Hall booked  
Al Hama  
Arabic film  
Drive-in  
Arabic film  
Al Firdous  
Revenge of the Nerds II  
Fahad Open  
Vidhaata  
Fahad  
Charitham  
Al Jahra  
Back fire  
Granada  
Arthur 2 on the Racks  
Salaikhah  
Arabic film  
Jeeb  
Kandathum Kettathum  
Ahmadi Drive-in  
Skate town U.S.A.

available all year round with qualified swimming instructors. Open to non members. Mon-Tues-Wed 3.30 to 5.30. Beginners-improved-adults mixed keep fit classes. Wed 5-6 Thurs 6-7, Fri 12-1.00 and 1-2.00 Sat 5-6.00. Ladies keep fit, Mon 5-6, Tues 5-6, Fri 5-6 and Sun 5.30-6.30. Martial Arts, blackbelt instructor Mon-Wed, Taekwondo Sat-Mon 7-8, Thurs 5-6. Bowling alley available for private company and community tournaments. Five squash courts. Squash handicap every Sunday start 6 pm — All standards, open to non members. Squash coaching available from professional coach everyday, from 1 pm. Massage for men and women. Gym facilities for men and women. Tennis courts — coaching available. Plus lots more. Phone for further details — Recreation manager 4742000 ext 6788 Julie Dent or 6700 recreation.

**Kuwait International Hotel**  
FIT FOR LIFE: October brings a variety of sports classes and activities at the Kuwait International Hotel. Tennis classes for ladies, juniors and seniors, beginners, intermediates or advanced by Frank Novak — an experienced Canadian coach and tennis professional. Also private coaching available and fun tennis sessions for the family. Swimming classes begin from 31st October. Enrolment on-going. Other classes are ladies' keep fit, yoga, judo, karate and taekwondo. Details at 2530000 ext 8050 with Antony Kingna.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

#### Morning

9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran  
9.40 Sabah Al Khir News and Variety  
9.55 Around the World: Cartoon Serial  
10.15 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)  
10.30 Al Ghaba: Daily Arabic serial  
11.35 Sabah Al Khir News and Variety  
12.00 From My Kitchen: Local cookery programme  
12.35 News Summary  
12.40 Holy Quran and Closedown

#### Evening

4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran  
4.15 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)  
4.45 Alice in Wonderland: Cartoon serial  
5.15 The Young Artist: Local children programme  
5.45 Night chemists, airlines and official advertisements  
6.15 Al Tareeq Illa Al Qods: Historical serial, starring: Mahmoud Yaseen, Yousif Shaban, Tawfeeq Al Daqen, Karam Mtawe  
7.15 Noor Al Islam: Religious programme  
7.35 Cultural Programme  
8.00 Security and Citizens: Local programme  
8.30 Good Evening and local news  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.45 Al Mokafa: Arabic serial  
10.45 Nas Min Zojaj: Arabic serial, starring Maryam Al Ghabban, Ibrahim Al Harbi, Ahlam Mohammed, Meead, and Abdul Imam Abdullah



KTV2, 9.30 — Portrait of the Soviet Union

### KTV 2

6.00 Opening Announcement & Holy Quran  
6.10 Hello Kitty. A cartoon series for children  
6.30 The Story-Teller "A Story Short". A king orders a cook to tell him a story for one thousand days. On the last day the cook was unable to satisfy the king.  
7.00 A Day in the Life "The Toads Tale". Toads inhabit swamps and muddy areas... How do they communicate and protect themselves...  
7.30 Out Of This World. "The Many Evies". Evie has to act two roles and in the meantime prepare a speech to be delivered at school. She receives a message from her father from the outer space...  
8.00 News in English

8.30 Diamonds. "A Couple Of Couples" Mike and Christina receive an invitation from an old friend to spend a weekend at her palace. One of the workers at the palace is murdered and they have to start their investigations.  
9.30 Portrait of The Soviet Union "The Baltic Style" A look at life in the Baltic states: Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania... The people's traditions, folklore and heritage.  
10.30 Late night film, "Towards The Light". A happy family finds that their young baby is sick with AIDS.  
12.00 News in Brief  
12.15 Magazine D'Actualite

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

Kuwait	Tunis St.	Farwaniya
Al Watan	Salmiya	Al Madina
Fahd Al Salem St.	Dina	North St.
Al Hakim	Extension of Amman St.	
Jaber Al Mubarak St.	Fahel	Jahra
Hawalli	Bastur	Al Nour
Al Waleed	Al Dabbous St., Fahadhel	Matafi St.



### Musical performance

The Pakistan Arts Circle held a musical performance on Thursday at Syed Sallat's residence. The pictures show the band (top) and a part of the audience. (Photographs by Khalil Jabr)

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## UK rejects plan for monetary union

### British reserves in record fall

LONDON, Nov 3, (Reuters): Britain has rejected a Brussels plan for West European financial union, advocating a market-based alternative sure to anger its European Economic Community partners. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government, which says a federal-type Europe could threaten British sovereignty, rejected proposals for a single currency and a central bank.

A row over when to enter the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System lay behind a long-running dispute over currency policy and Europe which ended last week with Nigel Lawson resigning as chancellor of the exchequer.

His successor, John Major, repeated yesterday Britain's commitment to eventually entering the mechanism, aligning the rates of a basket of West European currencies.



Jaguar chairman Sir John Egan (right) and Ford chairman Lord Lindey at a news conference after the deal. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Ford may boost Jaguar's image

### \$2.5b takeover deal

LONDON, Nov 3, (AP): Although being taken over by Ford Motor Co was not Jaguar PLC's first choice, the ailing British luxury carmaker could thrive under the world's second-largest automaker, analysts say.

In a stunning about-face yesterday, Jaguar agreed to a \$1.6-billion (\$2.5 billion) cash offer from the US-based automaker, which had been an unwanted suitor and potential hostile bidder.

General Motors dropped out of the race after nine months of negotiations on a deal aiming at preserving Jaguar's independence.

Jaguar's shares finished at 829 pence (\$13.02), down 79 pence (\$1.24) on London's Stock Exchange yesterday.

Jaguar's shareholders must approve the takeover by a 75 per cent majority at a meeting that is to be held at the end of the month.

Jaguar might be operated independently enough from Ford to maintain its cachet as a maker of elegant, utterly British cars, analysts said after the deal was announced.

But "a Jaguar is a Jaguar and a Ford is definitely not a Jaguar," said Jaguar worker Linda Graham. Employees like Ms. Graham, 30, as well as Jaguar dealers and collectors expressed doubts that Jaguar could keep its unique, clubby image.

However, analysts said the automaker might be able to use Ford's financial and technological clout to expand its product line to compete with cheaper BMW and Japanese luxury models.

"It will allow them to compete into the 1990s," said Stephen Gorman, an auto analyst with the London investment firm UBS Phillips and Drew.

Jaguar has suffered from a slump in US sales, on which it depends heavily, and for 18 months it has been looking for a partner to enable it to expand while remaining an independent com-



The Jaguar and Ford logos. (Reuters wirephoto)

Ford already owns 13.2 per cent of Jaguar's shares. GM, the world's No. 1 automaker, had planned to take only a minority stake of perhaps 30 per cent. But GM said that Jaguar, with its losses and need for a significant cash injection, was not worth the \$50 pence (\$3.35) a share Ford agreed to pay.

Ford stock closed down 62 1/2 cents a share at \$46.50 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The government paved the way for Ford's bid when it said Tuesday it was prepared to waive a "golden share," which allowed it to veto any takeover. The share was a legacy of Jaguar's former government ownership.

Dropping the golden share raised the possibility of a bidding war, something Jaguar's directors apparently could not stomach, leading to the deal with Ford.

Sanjay Dabysing, an auto analyst with the economic forecasting firm DRI Europe, said Ford wants to compete with Toyota's Lexus, Nissan's Infiniti and Honda's Acura, all luxury models.

"What Ford intends to do with Jaguar is to turn it into another BMW," he said. "We're looking at a big transformation here. They need to develop new cars and engines as well as new plant."

But Major told Parliament that Britain rejected a plan for European Monetary Union by Jacques Delors, president of the European Economic Community Commission, as too bureaucratic and lacking political accountability.

Major also published a paper setting out Britain's free-market approach, to be submitted to EEC finance ministers on Nov 13 and to an EEC summit on Dec 8-9.

"The Delors approach is centralist and ignores the market, ours is based on the market," an accompanying statement said.

The statement was agreed by the cabinet which reassured a position agreed at the last EEC summit in Madrid in July laying down Britain's conditions for entering the mechanism, government sources said.

These required Britain to cut inflation down to the EEC average, other key EEC members to abolish exchange controls, and progress on implementing a single European market due in 1992.

Lawson urged Britain two days ago to join the mechanism at the first practicable opportunity.

Another former cabinet minister, Lord Britton, now EEC Commission vice-president, repeated on Thursday his calls for Britain to join the mechanism without waiting for other EEC states to abolish exchange controls.

"The sooner it can all be done the better," Major said on television. "But the conditions have to be right or it wouldn't be wise either for us or for Europe for sterling to enter the exchange rate mechanism."

Prices tumbled in early trading amid rumours that a cabinet minister was about to resign in a financial scandal, but the London market recovered after Transport Secretary Cecil Parkinson yesterday denied engaging in insider trading.

Confidence in Thatcher's government had already been shaken by last week's resignation of Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson in a policy dispute with Thatcher.

Britain's gold and foreign currency reserves fell by a record \$2.9 billion in October, reflecting aggressive intervention by the Bank of England to support the pound, official figures showed yesterday.

The fall in reserves during a month when sterling was hit by poor trade figures and the dramatic resignation on Oct 25 of Nigel Lawson as chancellor of the exchequer compared with a modest drop of \$142 million in September.

"The big fall in underlying reserves indicates the high level of Bank of England support for the pound during October," said economist Adam Kindreich of stockbrokers Morgan Grenfell.

Nigel Lawson is expected to pick up a record £500,000 in a publishing deal to write his memoirs over the next few months, according to reports yesterday.



Mrs Thatcher

## GCC will benefit from European market

ABU DHABI, Nov 3, (AP): A senior West German economist said yesterday that countries with complementary economic policies like the six states of the Gulf Cooperation Council will benefit from the European single market in 1992.

"Since the European single market is outwardly open, all the parties concerned stand to benefit from greater division of labour and specialisation and from international trade," said Gunther Aschhoff, the senior vice-president and chief economist of the DG Bank in Frankfurt am Main.

Aschhoff was lecturing some 60 senior bankers and economists from the GCC as

a seminar on "the single European market from a German and Swiss perspective."

The European Economic Community plans for the single market have spread concern in the GCC which groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

The alliance has been holding contacts with the EEC to determine the impact on economic co-operation, including billions of dollars in public and private investments in European countries.

In Kuwait, Central Bank Governor, Sheikh Salem Abdul-Aziz Al Sabah, said Wednesday: "The single European market and its expected completion by the end of

1992 will be a challenge not only for Europe but also for the rest of the world, including the GCC member states.

"We are worried about the possibility of protectionism after the completion of the single market."

He noted in particular possible restriction of free banking and branching between EEC and Third World countries and likely higher risk rating for bank claims on customers outside the EEC and other industrialised nations.

Aschhoff told the seminar in Abu Dhabi that barriers obstructing GCC-EEC mutual trade and movement of capital must be abolished.

He noted the GCC attempts to remove EEC tariffs on their nascent petrochemical exports to the community and said the problem should be solved soon to the mutual satisfaction of both sides.

Danish Central Bank governor Erik Hoffmeyer said on Wednesday he saw no need for the community to accelerate the pace of economic integration, as demanded by EEC Commission President Jacques Delors.

Delors launched a campaign last month for faster progress towards Economic and Monetary Union (EMU), saying the EEC needed greater unity to meet the challenges posed by rapid change in Eastern Europe.

### GCC oil ministers to meet in UAE

## Opec talks on Nov 25

KUWAIT, Nov 3, (Kuna): The GCC oil ministerial committee will meet in Abu Dhabi Nov 19, it was announced here yesterday.

Oil sources also said that the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) will meet there Nov 20.

They added that the follow-up committee of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) will confer in Vienna Nov 23.

Opec ministers will also meet in the Austrian capital Nov 25 to discuss latest developments of world oil market.

Opec President Alhaji Rulwanu Lukman told a meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on Wednesday that the "tough" issues to be tackled at the Vienna meeting would be "how high to set the organisation's ceiling for next year, and how to divide it among the 13

member states," Opec's official Opecna news agency reported.

Lukman said Opec members had agreed \$18 a barrel was the "right price" for oil at the moment, Opecna said.

Opec's price and production monitoring committee groups eight member states: Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Nigeria, Venezuela, United Arab Emirates, Iran and Iraq.

Opec oil ministers last met in Vienna in September, when they agreed to raise Opec's oil production ceiling by one million barrels a day from 19.5 million barrels per day to 20.5 million barrels per day.

China announced today the discovery of a new oilfield in a remote Western desert region, calling it a "major breakthrough."

## Oapec uses gas for energy

KUWAIT, Nov 3, (AP): The Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries on Wednesday reported success in its endeavours to ensure "optimal utilisation" of natural gas which once was wasted through flaring.

It also recommended the use of gas as a "clean" source of energy for global environmental considerations.

"Oapec members' reserves of natural gas at the beginning of 1989 stood at the equivalent of 21.6 billion tons of oil, compared with oil reserves of 80.8 billion tons," the Kuwait-based organisation said in the editorial of the November issue of its bulletin.

Oapec groups Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Libya, Algeria, Bahrain, Syria, Egypt and Tunisia. The first session double as members in the international 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

"Total Oapec production of natural gas rose from 129 billion cubic metres in 1973 to 226 billion in 1988, while the percentage of gas production flared in Oapec countries fell from 69 per cent in 1973 to 19.3 per cent in 1988, reflecting the enormous increase in the utilisation of natural gas," the editorial said.

Oapec gas now meets a third of total energy requirements in the Arab world, it said.

The organisation used as base the year 1973 when the price of oil skyrocketed after an Arab oil embargo, calling it an "oil price revolution."

On the environmental potentials, the editorial said the future importance of gas was reinforced by current global concerns with the environment. "Natural gas is listed as the cleanest of all fossil fuels," it said.

It said the seminar would bring up to date the information and experience gathered at the first seminar in Algeria in 1980, and examine the implications of expanding natural gas applications for the Arab countries.

Exchange rates	
Indian rupee	17.830
Sri Lankan rupee	7.600
Pakistani rupee	14.230
Bangladesh taka	9.210
US dollar	300.10
Pound sterling	472.75
UAE dirham	081.68
Deutsche mark	162.20
Japanese yen	002.093



Diana sells clothes

Princess Diana sells clothes in a Jakarta market on Thursday. Traders using Princess Diana's photograph on their cloth hangings do a roaring trade ahead of a visit by the princess and her husband Prince Charles, who arrive in Indonesia on Friday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## US jobless rate steady

### Economic growth varies

WASHINGTON, Nov 3, (AP): Unemployment in the United States held steady at 5.3 per cent last month as the economy added 233,000 jobs, the government said today in a report that showed continued troubles in the industrial sector.

The Labour Department said all of the non-farm payroll growth came in the service-producing sector, with most of that coming as schools and local governments added jobs for the school year.

The department revised September payroll growth downward to 201,000 from the previously reported 209,000.

The manufacturing sector, which lost a revised 88,000 jobs in September, lost an additional 13,000 in October, to post its fourth consecutive monthly decline.

Underlining the weakness in that sector was new data showing the average manufacturing work week fell from 41.8 hours to 40.8 hours and overtime was virtually non-existent after averaging just under four hours a week for several months. The automobile manufacturing industry continued to struggle, losing 14,000 jobs last month.

The 233,000 jobs added to non-farm payrolls was more than most analysts had predicted and likely will give pause to Federal Reserve policymakers who had been seen as leaning toward a further easing of credit, which in turn would lower interest rates.

Also up at a rate higher than

predictions were average hourly earnings, which rose 0.7 per cent in October, a sign that upward pressure on wages persists. Most analysts had predicted an increase of 0.4 per cent.

The October report showed that the civilian labour force grew by 65 million Americans last month to 124 million and that 117.5 million of them had jobs.

While the manufacturing workweek declined, the overall workweek in the private, non-farm sector edged up by 0.1 hour in October to a seasonally adjusted 34.8 hours. The department attributed most of the decline in manufacturing hours to the strike by Boeing workers. They were not counted as being off payrolls, however, because their strike began the same week the department took its monthly survey.

American workers made significant productivity gains in the third quarter, the government said yesterday in a report that nonetheless underscored the US economy's slower growth and manufacturing's slump.

Overall productivity in the non-farm sector of the economy rose at an annual rate of 23.1 per cent in the third quarter, nearly double the revised second-quarter gain of 1.1 per cent, the Labour Department said.

The nation's economic growth continued to vary from slow to moderate early this fall, the Federal Reserve says in a survey that does not mention any inflationary problems.

## Stocks close higher

### Dollar steady, gold up

SYDNEY, Nov 3, (Reuters): Australia's share market finished slightly firmer in quiet trade but dominated by strong demand for gold stocks. The All Ordinaries index closed 5.1 up at 1,657.1.

HONG KONG: Share prices closed higher in quiet trade ahead of the weekend. The Hang Seng index put on 27.93 points to 2,739.79.

SINGAPORE: The market closed weak in dull trading, the Straits Times index shedding 5.39 points to end at 1,330.79. Investors were reluctant to take positions ahead of the release of US jobs data.

BOMBAY: Textile stocks rose sharply for the second day on hectic short covering, spurring a broad rally. Century Enka rose 40 rupees to 3,390 after leaping 110 on Thursday.

FRANKFURT: Sale orders from abroad depressed prices but profit-taking emerged at mid-session. The Dax Index fell 10.11 points to 1,449.90.

ZURICH: High interest rates depressed the market. The All-Share Index fell 10.5 to 1,085.3.

PARIS: French shares followed Wall Street — down, then rising near the close — on conflicting readings of US jobs data. The CAC-40 Index lost 12.54 points to 1,808.04.

LONDON: The market took heart from a possible cash injection when bids for Jaguar and DGR are eventually completed. At 1630 GMT the FTSE was up 17 points at 2,171.1.

NEW YORK: A rise in October employment produced conflicting readings — bearish on reduced hope for lower interest rates, bullish on reduced fear of a slowdown. At 1637 GMT the Dow Jones industrial was 5.12 higher at 2,636.68.

The US dollar steadied yesterday in moderately active European trading. Gold and silver bullion prices rose sharply, continuing a rally that began on Thursday.

Dealers said the dollar rose after better-than-expected US unemployment figures triggered a surge of buying, then fell back when the market reassessed the data and decided the dollar was firmly entrenched in a narrow trading range.

Tokyo markets were closed for the Culture Day national holiday. In London, the dollar fell to 143.25 Japanese yen from 143.75 yen at Thursday's close in Tokyo.

Other late dollar rates compared with late Thursday:

■ 1.8470 West German marks, down from 1.8485.

■ 1.6210 Swiss francs, up from 1.62670.

■ 6.2620 French francs, down from 6.2670.

■ 2.0825 Dutch guilders, down from 2.0860.

■ 1,356.25 Italian lire, up from 1,356.00.

■ 1.1723 Canadian dollars, down from 1.1725.

The British pound rose to \$1.5705 from \$1.5660 late Thursday.

Gold bullion jumped in London to a late bid price of \$378.85 a troy ounce, up from \$375.25 bid late Thursday.

In Zurich, the metal surged to \$380.75 bid from \$375 bid late Thursday.

Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold rose \$4.67 to close at \$378.71.

Silver bullion rose in London to a late bid price of \$5.28 a troy ounce from \$5.17 bid late Thursday.

### Moscow invites Arabs: The Soviet Union has invited Gulf Arab businessmen to Moscow to discuss ways of setting up joint ventures, a Soviet embassy spokesman said today in Abu Dhabi.

He said the Nov 14-16 meeting was aimed at "boosting co-operation between the Soviet Union and the Gulf and exploring the possibility of setting up joint industrial ventures."

Four of the six Gulf Co-operation Council members — Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman — have diplomatic ties with Moscow, while Saudi Arabia and Bahrain do not. (Reuters)

**Gulf Air to buy 12 Airbus:** Gulf Air signed a contract for 12 Airbus A-320 and six options, becoming the first Gulf company to buy this newest aircraft of the European consortium, it was announced in Paris.

According to a statement by the "Airbus Industrie" consortium, the agreement was signed in the southwestern city of Toulouse by Gulf Air chief executive, Ali Ibrahim Al Malki and consortium's managing director Jean Pierson.

Gulf Air will receive its 12 Airbus A-320s between spring and 1992 and late 1994, and plans to use them on regional routes as well as within the Gulf. (Kuna)

**Iran to pump gas:** The Soviet Union agreed in principle to let Iran pump natural gas through its territory for sale to Europe, Tehran Radio reported.

The agreement was announced after talks between a Soviet team and the Iranian Finance Ministry. The two sides would meet before the end of the year to work out volume of the gas to be moved and other details, the radio, monitored in Moscow, said. (Reuters)

**KD foreign exchange trading:** At the start of foreign exchange trading in Switzerland, one Kuwaiti dinar was trading at 5.3949 Swiss francs, from 5.4015 at the close here the previous session, the Swiss-Kuwaiti bank reported.

Against the dinar, the German mark opened at 6.1467 (6.1562), the British pound was 2.1227 (2.1244), the Japanese yen was 478.7028 (478.2021), and the US dollar was 3.5395 (3.5322). (Kuna)

**Railway workers, weathermen strike:** Employees of Manila's state-run train service and weather forecasters went on strike Thursday to demand better pay.

The strike at the light rail transit service stranded thousands of commuters in metropolitan Manila and paralysed the only commuter train service in the capital.

The military sent out dozens of trucks along the train service route to help ease the transportation problem.

About 1,000 employees of government weather stations nationwide stayed home from work, stopping weather reports for ships and airplanes. Air travel and shipping, however, remained normal, authorities said.

## Coniston has UAL stake

NEW YORK, Nov 3, (AP): The New York buyout firm of Coniston Partners disclosed today that it has accumulated a 9.7 per cent stake in UAL Corp. and plans to seek control of the airline company's board.

Coniston, which played a crucial role two years ago in the breakup of travel conglomerate Allegris Corp., the former owner of United Airlines, has spent roughly \$333 million in recent months amassing 2.12 million UAL shares, said Coniston principal Paul E. Tierney.

In a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Coniston said it plans to solicit consents from shareholders to reduce UAL's board to five members, three of whom would be Coniston principals.

With control of the board, Coniston would be able to steer the company toward a sale, restructuring or recapitalisation.

"We would like to see an extraordinary transaction of some kind take place that would bring stability to the company and be fair to the various constituencies," Tierney said in a telephone interview.

## British Rail delays channel tunnel rail link by one year

LONDON, Nov 3, (Reuters): British Rail has delayed by one year plans for a high-speed rail link between London and the channel tunnel, a project already hit by soaring costs and opposition from environmentalists.

A spokesman for BR's private sector partner Eurotunnel said today the 68-mile (106-km) rail link would be in operation on schedule in 1998 despite the delay.

State-run BR said last month that the cost of the project had been overtaken by inflation and route

changes forced by protests from environmentalist groups.

The rail link will allow motorists to drive onto high-speed trains in London to whisk them under the channel to Paris in two-and-a-half hours. The current rail journey time via ferries is six hours.

Eurotunnel, the Anglo-French consortium building the channel tunnel, has been pressing for British government funds for the rail link.

But Transport Secretary Cecil Parkinson repeated last week there would be no government

cash to help to build Britain's first new main rail line this century and the government insists the funds must be raised by the private sector.

BR said the delay was essential to solve financial problems caused by the escalating costs of its preferred route through South London and Kent.

BR also said it had selected Eurotunnel Ltd, a consortium of construction groups Trafalgar House PLC and BICC PLC, as its private sector partner to build the link with the channel tunnel. The tunnel is due to open in 1993.

A spokesman for Eurotunnel, held on a 50-50 basis by Trafalgar House and BICC, said a bill seeking approval for the project would be submitted to Parliament in November next year.

"The study will entail a detailed and lengthy review of the environmental impact," he said.

The Eurotunnel spokesman said the group had chosen King's Cross station as the London terminal for the channel tunnel trains in preference to Stratford in East London.

### SHIP MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAKH PORT AS ON 30/10/89			
S.No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
04	Elmami	KSA	4843150
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S.No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
03/11	Anisjahang	A. Sess	2421303
06/11	Westphalia	Al Kamal	2425437
04/11	Cruiser Venture	Algh Barwil	4842988
03/11	Al Wajba	UASC	4843150
04/11	VS Prosperity	Algh Barwil	2422026
04/11	Ionian Express	BRH	2435287
04/11	Crocus	BRH	2435287
10/11	Luckyman	ISA	2441860
11/11	Evermore	ISA	2441860
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## Japanese buy shares in Houston

TOKYO, Nov 3. (Reuters): A Japanese group headed by the world's second richest man said yesterday that it was buying a majority share in four skyscrapers in Houston, the biggest city in Texas.

The purchase fanned Japanese fears of being accused of buying up America, coming, as it does, two days after Mitsubishi estate said it would take control of New York city's famed Rockefeller Centre.

"The two deals are very different, but that may be lost on US observers," said James Doherty, a senior manager at Jardine Fleming Securities.

The Japanese group, led by real estate magnate Taichiro Mori, said it will purchase an 85 per cent stake in the four skyscraper complex in the centre of Houston together with American investors for around \$300 million.

It said it was buying now because Houston is recovering from the depression of the early 1980's brought on by plunging oil prices.

Analysts said the acquisition carried a much higher risk and a much lower profile than the Rockefeller deal.

Japanese Construction Minister Shozo Harada quickly jumped to the defence of this week's buys and accused local newspapers of exaggerating their importance.

"The United States is short of savings and Japan has too much," he said, in explaining why Japanese companies are investing so much in the United States.

## Reuter's manager resigns

Reuters Holdings PLC, the news and information services company, said Wednesday its general manager, Michael Reupke, has resigned to pursue other interests.

Reupke, 52, was appointed general manager in May. He previously was editor-in-chief, a post he assumed in 1978.

Reupke's responsibilities as general manager, traditionally the second-in-command to chairman and chief executive Glen Renfrew, will be assumed by two people, Reuters said.

Patrick Manning, formerly international technical manager, was named a director of group quality programmes and to membership on the company's executive committee.

Peter Holland, formerly deputy general manager, was appointed director of corporate affairs. (AP)

## Publishing firm head resigns

Robert L. Bernstein, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Random House Inc., will step down at the end of the year, the publishing giant announced Wednesday.

S.I. Newhouse Jr., chairman of Advance Publications Inc., which owns Random House, indicated that a successor would be announced soon, said William T. Lower, spokesman for Random House.

Random House is the largest general trade publisher in the United States and one of the world's principal book publishers. (AP)

## Power battle failed

A Paris court, ruling on the legality of a key block of shares in France's largest luxury goods firm LVMH, on Thursday failed to hand victory to either side in a year-long boardroom battle for control of the company.

It said a share stake owned by Bernard Arnault, chairman of LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, was legal but that its manner of issue was irregular. (Reuters)

## Electronic circuit speed record

Westinghouse Electronic Corp. said Wednesday its researchers have topped the Japanese and world record with a digital electronic shift register that has the fastest data-handling speed ever reported.

Shift registers are used to reduce high-frequency, high-data-rate information from radar, satellite communication links and other microwave electronic systems to signals that computers can handle.

## Toshiba unveils personal computer

Toshiba unveiled on Thursday a note-book-sized personal computer, joining Texas Instruments and Compaq Computer in the market for machines even smaller than laptops.

Toshiba's T1000SE, weighing 5.9 pounds (2.67 kg) and battery-operated, is scheduled to begin shipping in January and will carry a suggested list price of \$1,699.



LA newspaper closes

LOS ANGELES (UPI): The feisty but financially hemorrhaging Herald Examiner, once the nation's biggest afternoon daily newspaper, hit the streets for the last time Thursday, a victim of two decades of red ink.

An executive of the parent Hearst Corp. told a stunned newsroom Wednesday that the paper, whose roots go back 118 years and were entwined with eccentric media baron William Randolph Hearst, had less than 24 hours to live. Many staffers wept openly and hugged each other.

Robert J. Danzing, vice-president and general manager of New York-based Hearst Corp., told employees the multi-media giant that operates 11 other newspapers around the nation made the decision "with great regret."

Hearst announced months ago the paper was up for sale, and rumors abounded that it would fold if no viable buyer appeared. When none did, the paper, which was reportedly losing about \$2 million a month, closed.

"Although operating at a financial deficit for more than two decades, there was never a deficit in the quality and the vigor of its editorial commitment to the people of Los Angeles," Danzing said. "It has been a losing business, but a winning newspaper." Picture shows employees of the newspaper leave in shock in front of the building. (Reuters wirephoto)

## US makes progress in reducing copyright piracy

WASHINGTON, Nov 3. (AP): President George Bush's administration says it is making progress in persuading foreign governments to help reduce piracy of US films, records, books and computer software overseas.

US companies have complained that they were losing hundreds of millions of dollars a year to foreign pirates, who copy everything from videotapes to computer programmes without paying royalties, or to foreign govern-

ment policies that excluded American competitors.

US trade representative Carla A. Hills began talks in May with eight countries named as the worst violators of what are known as intellectual property rights.

Hills said in a statement on Wednesday that the US administration's message "clearly" had been received and, as a result, none of the eight nations will be moved up to a "priority foreign country" list.

Such a designation would have made them subject to accelerated investigation under new provisions of US trade laws.

Three countries — South Korea, Taiwan and Saudi Arabia — had made enough improvement that they were removed from a "priority watch list" and dropped down to a "watch list," she said.

The other five — Brazil, India, Mexico, China and Thailand — will remain on the priority watch list.

# Banks attempting to maximise earnings

## New strategies to compensate doubtful loans

LONDON, Nov 3. (Reuters): Leading banks, struggling to compensate for doubtful Third World loans and dwindling markets for traditional services, are trying out new strategies to maximise their earnings.

A Reuters survey of bankers in key financial centres shows that in some cases strategies tailored to specific market places touch upon common areas such as retail (commercial) banking.

Other such areas include lending to medium-sized companies or asset repackaging — the grouping of loans such as mortgages into a managed account and the issuing of bonds whose principal and interest payments

are met by income derived from them.

Some banks, however, are aiming to capitalise on special developments such as the single European Economic Community market after 1992 or post-war reconstruction in the Gulf.

In the United States, the name of the game is fee income — earnings from fees for such services as investment banking activities or financial advice rather than from such classic sources as the margin between loan interest rates and deposit account interest.

Other US banks are targeting lucrative non-bank niche businesses such as lease financing generally loans made to leasing companies that use receipts on lease agreements to meet principal and interest payments.

Another approach is to stress consumer banking.

Citicorp chairman John Reed says he wants to raise the consumer earnings contribution to about 70 per cent from 40 per cent by the mid 1990s.

Some US banks stress not only the retail customer, but also so-called middle market lending to corporate borrowers with \$10 to 250 million in annual sales.

In Japan, banks are following a three-year trend away from lending to major manufacturing companies.

Big manufacturers now are either cash rich and less in need of borrowing or shifting focus to shares and corporate bonds.

As in the United States, the Japanese emphasis is on retail lending, as well as mid-sized firms and service companies.

"Industry-wide, lending to the services sector should grow faster," says Hiroshi Uchida, vice president of research at CS First Boston (Japan) Ltd. "Pressure from the US to improve the distribution system should create new lending opportunities."

Loans to the service industry sector in Japan rose to account for 14.3 per cent of overall outstanding loans in July, compared with 13.7 per cent a year earlier.

Retail lending advanced at an even faster rate, climbing to 14.8 per cent from 12.9 per cent a year earlier.

Meanwhile loans to the manufacturing sector fell sharply to 16.9 per cent of outstanding lending from 19.1 per cent.

Bankers said the trend to the retail sector corresponds with broader changes in the Japanese economy such as reduced exports and expanding services, as well as the government's stated objective of expanding domestic demand to cut trade surpluses.

British banks also are trying to squeeze the best margins possible out of the retail lending market, which remains one of the most lucrative in Europe in terms of lending margins.

Major international banks burned their fingers by lending to the Third World. Now, despite being warned off by governments and central banks, they are scrambling to find quick profits in property and takeovers.

The search may be leading banks to construct yet another house of cards as they move further into volatile, high-risk markets to compensate for losses after the collapse of confidence in Third World lending.

Japanese banks have recently moved into uncharted waters by turning their attention to lending to retail consumers at home. Credit-rating agencies for corporations are still in early stages and similar organisations to track individual credit histories are virtually unknown.

US and British banks have been among those hardest hit this year by having to set aside dramatically increased amounts to cover potential bad debt in the Third World, a development that has led them to seek compensating high profits elsewhere.

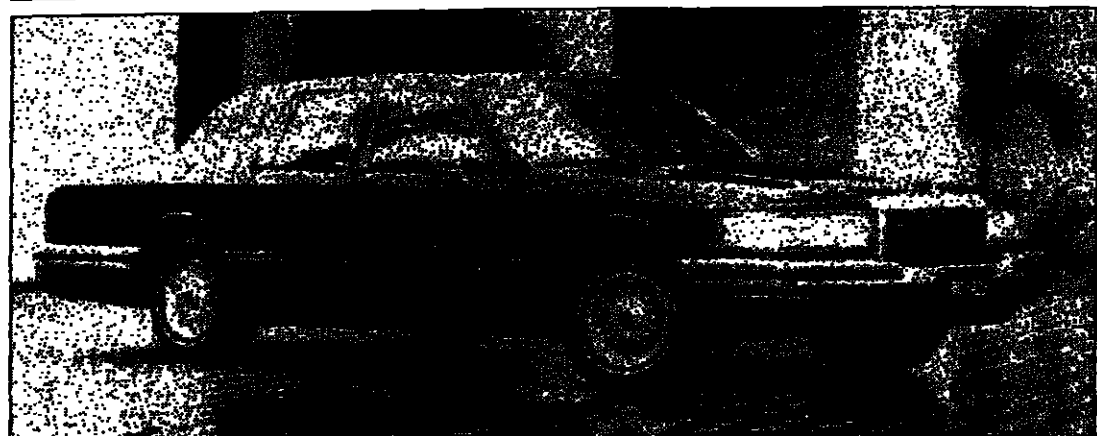
Major American banks suffered huge losses because of Third World debt provision and the top four British banks committed \$1.95 billion (\$3.12 billion) to higher provisions at the half-year, bringing pretax losses for the two most heavily exposed to the developing world.

By comparison, Japanese banks have relatively low exposure but even these institutions are not expected to expand Third World lending significantly.

They are exploring other higher income areas as major manufacturers, their big traditional customers, are flush with cash and need to borrow less.

It was the refusal of Japanese banks to participate in a deal to buy out UAL Corp that prompted the Friday 13th slump on Wall Street last month — which, in turn, led to Western regulators stepped up scrutiny of highly leveraged transactions.

Investors feared the UAL failure meant the buyout wave of the 1980s was over and rumoured takeover stocks were worth less.



Car of the Year

Ford Motor Company's restyled Lincoln Town Car will receive Motor Trend magazine's Car of the Year award for 1990, marking the first time a luxury car has ever won the highly coveted prize. (Reuters wirephoto)

## NYSE asks to abstain programme trading

NEW YORK, Nov 3. (UPI): The New York Stock Exchange board of directors concerned at recent market volatility, asked exchange member firms yesterday to voluntarily abstain from making computerised programme trades and announced measures to slow the handling of such trades in falling markets.

The exchange also said it will more closely monitor the use of programme trading and, in a step intended to discourage excessive use of the automatic trading technique, disclose programme use on a weekly basis. It said it will widen priority handling for individual investor orders.

"We have in effect declared war on excess volatility today," said John J. Phelan Jr., chairman of the NYSE board, which decided on the measures at its weekly meeting and announced them immediately.

Programme trading has been under scrutiny since the October 1987 stock market crash, and controversy over its use flared again after the Oct 13, incident that saw the Dow Jones Industrial Average drop 190 points. The computer-driven trading allows heavy stock sales in seconds.

"Excess market volatility today is a national problem," Phelan said. "It has caused a significant erosion in investor confidence, which we must restore quickly if we are to maintain our role as a primary source of capital for corporate America."

Should volatile market swings continue, he said, corporations will turn for capital-raising to offshore markets, Tokyo in particular. "And I don't think anybody wants that," Phelan said.

He told journalists the plan would "slow the process down so everybody can have a fair chance to access the marketplace."

The initiatives will be submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission for approval, he said. The board also will create a blue-ribbon panel to study market volatility and its effect on capital markets, composed of financial, corporate and academic leaders and experts.

An appeals court in Paris yesterday rejected a request to free former New York stockbroker Thomas Quinn, who is suspected of bilking investors in 80 countries of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The court ruled that Quinn will remain in prison until officials respond to a request for his extradition to Switzerland, where more than 1,000 complaints have been filed against him.

## Mitsubishi Corp's net income jumps

TOKYO, Nov 3. (UPI): Mitsubishi Motor Corp. reported yesterday its net income for the half year ended Sept 30 jumped 54.3 per cent to 9.323 billion yen (\$65.7 million) on sales of 942.93 billion yen (\$6.64 billion), up 3.7 per cent.

Net income per share rose to 12.05 yen (8.5 US cents) from 8.59 yen (6 cents).

The Japanese affiliate of Chrysler Corp. of the United States said operating profits fell 12.7 per cent to 21.517 billion yen (\$151.5 million) but ordinary profits climbed 19.9 per cent to 19.707 billion yen (\$138.8 million).

## Tokyo shares

Nikkei stock average: 35494.86			
(-69.57)			
Volume: 900 mil shs			
Yen exchange rate: 143.75			
Name of stock	Cl	Ca	
Advantest Corp	4930	-40	
Ajinomoto	2740	-20	
Alps Electric	1830	-10	
Amada	1950	-20	
Asahi Chem Ind	1600	+20	
Asahi Glass	2310	+10	
C. Itoh Co.	1030	0	
Canon Inc.	1820	0	
Casio Comp	1470	-20	
D N Printing	2370	-10	
Daiichi Seiyaku	2980	-20	
Dainippon Ph	2810	-40	
Daiichi Koki	1760	0	
Daikin Ind	2240	0	
Fujitsu Ltd	7300	0	
Fuji Photo	4550	-20	
Fujitsu Ltd	1470	-20	
Hitachi Credit	1850	-40	
Hitachi Koki	1950	+20	
Hitachi Ltd	1470	0	
Hitachi Metal	1700	0	
Honda Motor	1850	-20	
Ito Yokado Co	4460	-80	
Kajima Corp	2180	-20	
Kawasaki Ki	1020	-20	
Kobe Cast Iron	1060	-10	
Kokusai Elec	3500	-20	
Komatsu Ltd	1350	-30	
Kyocera Corp	3340	-30	
Matsushita	3030	-20	
Mat Comm. Ind	2320	-30	
Mat Electric			
Mazda M.C.	1020	-20	
Mitsubishi Corp	1390	-10	
Mitsubishi Estate	2570	-40	
Mitsubishi H I	1120	-10	
Mitsui R E	2950	+60	
Mizuho Corp	1910	18	
Mochida Ph	4180	+10	
Mori Seiki Co.	4080	-30	
NEC Corp	1770	-20	
Nippon Chem	1740	-10	
Nippon Steel Corp	723	-7	
Nipponendo	2460	+40	
Nitazuko Corp	1430	0	
Novartis Sec	3530	-10	
Okuma Mach	1660	0	
Onward K Co.	2360	+20	
Orix Corp	6280	0	
Pioneer Elec Co.	5530	-70	
Renovon Look Inc	2430	-30	
Sanyo Elec Co	824	+9	
Secom Co., Ltd.	8560	-30	
Shin-Etsu Chem	1780	0	
Shindengen Elec	1320	+20	
Sony Corp	8250	10	
Sumitomo Ind. Ind.	1530	+10	
Sumitomo Metal Ind.	693	-10	
Takeda Chemical	2370	-40	
TDK Corp	3560	-10	
Tokyo Marine & Fire	2710	-70	
Tokyo Elec Power	5790	-80	
Tokyo Electron Ltd	3350	+30	
Toppan Printing	2170	-20	
Toshiba Ind Inc	969	+4	
Toshiba Corp	1240	+20	
Toyota Motor	2690	+10	
Yaskawa Elec	1280	+10	

## Bombay shares

Bombay Stock Exchange prices (Rs) Nov 3.			
Pr. Close		Open	Close
ACC	302	300	298
Alcan Chem	—	—	—
Alum Nis	—	—	—
Asi Fah	—	—	—
Ashtok Ley	90	89	90.50
Asia Paint	206.25	203.75	207
Atlas Cop	47	49	47
Auto Corp	73	71	73
Nat Index	392.44	390.84	390.84
Bajaj Auto	338.75	336.75	336.25
Bajaj Ind	802.50	795	813.75
Blow Plast	—	—	—
Bom Dye	138	139	134
BK Bond	100	99	103.50
Burr Wd	92.50	87.50	92.50
Cambare	—	—	—
Can Elix	3240	3240	3350
01/11	—	—	—
Can Spg	2450	2480	2510
Colgate	190	188.75	190
Count Gr	12	12	13
DCM	29	29	29.50
Deep Fert	73	70	72
Dunlop	64	62	62
EI Hotels	77	77	76.50
Eurotel	—	—	—
BSE index	746.58	740.30	740.30
Eskayel	117.50	115	117.50
Esar Spg	22.50	22.75	22.50
Food Sp	108.75	110	108.75
Forbes	48	46.25	47.75
Gar Poly	56	56	53.60
Gilindia	101	101.50	102
GNFC	32.75	32.50	32.25
Gristin	107	107	108
01/11	—	—	—
GE Ship	45.20	46	45.85
GSFC	180	172.50	172.50
Guj Alki	73.75	72.75	73.50
Guj Heavy	11	10	10.50
Hero Honda	980	970	975
Hind Cba	107.50	107.50	107.50
Hind Coca	132.50	132.50	133.75
Hind Motor	24.75	24.75	24.50
Hindale	277.50	276.75	277.75
Hochst	1370	1380	1450
Ingersoll	405	400	405
ITC	69	69	70
Ind Org	51	50	51.50
Ind Rayon	86.50	86.50	87
Indrol	240	240	232.50
JK Syn	64	63	63
Kin Engg	127.50	128	127.50
Kir Camm	71.50	69.50	71
KSB Pumps	195	190	195
L & T	98.50	98	90
Lipton	92	90.50	92
Mace Russel	140	136.25	135
Maf Corp	101	100	101
Mahindra	100.50	101	102.50
Mas Share	16	15.75	16
Mico	690	700	700
Milkfood	207.50	200	205
MRF Ltd	330	327.50	335
Muk Ind	140	139	140.50
Nocil	1250	1250	1290
Nat Org	—	—	—
Nippon	48	48	49
Ockay	16.75	16.50	16.50
Oswal Agro	75	75	72
Pacer	22	22	22
Pfizer	75	74	75
Ponds	172.50	172.50	176.25
Pran Auto	61	60.50	61.50
Ranbaxy	86.25	86.50	87.50
Ray Wool	67.50	65	70
Reliance	195	190	192.50
Reliance	89.50	89	89
Sesa Goa	66	66	64.50
Shaw Wall	—	—	—
Shree Cam	—	—	—
Shri Fib	55	53	55



VARIETY  
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'Heldorado' a black suede strapless dress. (Reuter wirephoto)



Models for Bob Mackie wear 'Glitter Gulch' sequined short dress Nov 2. (Reuter wirephoto)



Model for Ralph Lauren wears a Western style cape and leather pants. (Reuter wirephoto)



Model for Anne Klein and company wears a low cowl neck knit blouse and suede skirt and jacket.



Model for Bob Mackie wears 'Viva Les Girls' an all-over beaded dress and hot pink feather coat. (Reuter wirephoto)

Matching wits  
Computers to outthink man

PITTSBURGH, Nov 3. (AP) The computer programme called Deep Thought couldn't topple world chess champion Garry Kasparov.

But computers are gaining, and it soon may be no contest. Machines will one day beat man at any of his own games, scientists say.

"Computers will eventually be able to outthink us," said Marvin Minsky, an electrical engineering professor at MIT. "It's just a matter of evolution. The evolution of computers will be faster than the evolution of animals."

As computers evolve, the differences between electronic and flesh-and-blood brains will become less distinct, Minsky said. "Some day we'll have machines that think like humans. People are humans that think like machines."

"The brain is made of hundreds of billions of little cells, and they're each sort of like little computers and they each do a little calculation. You could say it's just a big machine."

Nonetheless, in a two-game brain vs. byte matchup Oct 22 at the New York Academy of Art, Kasparov won both games. Kasparov, who hasn't lost a tournament since 1981, has an International Chess Federation rating of 2,775. Deep Thought, which beat a human grandmaster a year ago and captured the 1989 World Computer Chess Championship, is given a 2,251. A beginner typically is about 1,200.

Kasparov said Deep Thought was "fully aggressive" but its "mind was too straight and too primitive."

"Chess is much wider than just calculations. It's even wider than logic. You have to use fantasy, intuition and some kind of prediction."

Deep Thought was developed by Carnegie Mellon University researchers. Its two high-speed chips enable it to analyse 720,000 possible board positions per second. But Feng-Hsiung Hsu, who designed the computer's silicon guts, said he wouldn't call his creation intelligent.

"We produced a machine that behaves like it's intelligent, but it's not," he said. "It's just mathematical applications. When human play chess, they use their intelligence. When machines play chess, they do calculations."

It's just a matter of time before computers wise up and use reason to analyse options, said Hans Berliner, the brains behind Hitech, another Carnegie Mellon Chess programme that ranks second to Deep Thought in the computer world.

"Intelligence is the question of understanding counter-examples. You have a certain rule that takes you a certain distance," he said. "The real expert knows when there's exceptions to those rules. People don't learn this kind of stuff overnight. We're trying to put this stuff into machines."

The secret to making machines reason lies in making machines that can learn, he said. "I think we will have programmes kind of like a science fiction thing where you will leave your machine turned on when you go home at night and in the morning it's learned something you never even knew existed. I think that kind of thing will be real by the year 2000."

Dearer snake soup, a twist  
Control side effects

HONG KONG, Nov 3. (Reuter) Hong Kong Chinese who want to keep the chill of winter at bay may have to pay more to sip a bowl of snake soup — an ironic twist to the Year of the Snake.

Planned controls on rat snakes are expected to drive up the local price of snake soup, wine and gall bladders — traditional winter fare among Hong Kong Chinese.

Rat snakes, together with cobras and king cobras, made up 36 per cent of the 210,000 live snakes imported by Hong Kong in 1988, mainly from China.

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (Cites), which ended a meeting recently in Switzerland, said it would upgrade rat snakes to appendix 2, a classification which requires scientific proof that a species will not be hurt by import or export.

"We would probably be considering controls, not prohibition," said Anthony Bennett, acting director of the British colony's Agriculture and Fisheries Department.

"It's fair to say the controls will mean higher prices for restaurant-owners, who will probably pass that along to the consumer," he said.

A bowl of snake soup at present can cost up to 1,000 dollars (\$128) at a top Chinese restaurant here.

Local Chinese believe snake soup and wine help to ward off autumn and winter chills.

Older Chinese believe they can bolster their strength by eating cobra gall bladder removed while the snake is still alive.

However, local restaurateurs said the Year of the Snake, which lasts until late January according to the Chinese lunar calendar, was not likely to augment an already roaring winter snake soup trade.



A snake shop owner tries to take the gall bladder out from a five-foot long snake for his customer. (Reuter wirephoto)

"Snakes are a 200 million dollar (\$26 million) a year business in Hong Kong," said local snake-catcher Martin Walker.

"The merchants aren't going to give it up without a struggle," said Walker, whose company Snakebust captures snakes that have slithered into residential areas and returns them to their natural environment.

The new controls, initially lenient, could be the first step in tougher, stricter moves, a government conservation official said.

"The new (Cites) appendix 2 classification means that if exporting countries can produce an export licence, we can approve the imports," said Frank Lau, assistant conservation director of agriculture and fisheries.

But he added the new protectionist measures may force snake soup to go the way of rhino horn powder, which Chinese believe heightens male sex drive.

Hong Kong has prohibited imports of rhino horn powder since 1979 and exports since 1986. In July 1988, the government banned the local sale of the powder.

The measures will culminate in December with a ban on any product even claiming to contain the aphrodisiac.

"In future, we may see a gradual ban on certain species of snake, similar to what we've done with rhino horn powder," Lau said.

EXPRESS

San Francisco earthquake leaves Japanese pondering over country's fate

Japan no stranger to killer quakes

TOKYO, Nov 3. (Reuter) The San Francisco earthquake last month has left the Japanese pondering how their tremor-prone country would fare during a killer quake.

Hardly a day goes by when Japan, situated in a major quake zone, is not rocked by at least a small seismic ripple, and 14 times last year the Japanese found themselves shaken by quakes measuring more than four on the open-ended Richter scale.

A big earthquake hit the Pacific Ocean off northern Japan early yesterday and authorities evacuated six coastal villages. There were no reports of injuries or damage but tidal wave warnings were also issued after the tremor, the region's strongest in more than 50 years.

The central meteorological agency said the quake, 130 km (80 miles) offshore and 30 km (19 miles) below the seabed, registered 7.1 on the Richter scale, about the same intensity as the one which struck San Francisco two weeks ago killing 62 people.

Twice earlier this year the Japanese have ridden out tremors of 6.4. But these caused little damage and few casualties because they were centred far below the earth's surface.

However, a fire prevention agency official specialising in earthquake damage projections said Japan would probably suffer more than San Francisco if a quake measuring seven on the Richter scale occurred close to the surface.

"If it were one as large as the one which hit San Francisco, there would be much greater destruction," he said.

"We have a far greater population density and many more



Tokyo school children lie on quilted hood during a recent earthquake drill. (Reuter wirephoto)

wooden houses which would topple."

An agency report last year estimated that a quake of 7.9 would kill 83,000-150,000 people in Japan and injure more than 200,000.

Japan is no stranger to killer quakes.

On Sept 1, 1923, it suffered one of the worst earthquakes in modern history when a tremor measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale ripped through densely populated Tokyo and Yokohama, killing more than 100,000.

Most Japanese houses are still made of wood rather than steel or reinforced concrete. The Japanese live in dread of fires, the main cause of quake deaths here in the past.

"That's the big problem in low-lying, crowded neighbourhoods in Tokyo which were traditionally vulnerable in times of earthquakes," said Tokyo architect Katsumi Shimizu.

"Even after San Francisco I don't think enough practical thinking has been done to make those areas safer in case of a quake," Shimizu said.

"In the old days the government knocked down whole streets to make fire lanes, but that isn't the solution today," he said.

"The problem is nobody seems to know how to put the money where it's needed, how concretely to improve safety."

It isn't for lack of trying. Highways, bridges and even Tokyo's underground railway have computerised shut-down systems triggered in the event of a quake.

Japan's building codes concerning earthquakes are among the strictest in the world, said Hideo Imamura of the Shimizu Corporation construction company.

An intriguing mix of old and new

The great divider

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov 3. (AP) Market Street divides a corner of San Francisco into different worlds. One is the prosperous financial district, largely untouched by the earthquake; the other is an artsy area called South of Market.

An intriguing mix of old and new, shabby and chic, South of Market — or SoMa as it is called — was one of the hardest hit in the Oct 17 earthquake.

South of Market, where warehouses, residential hotels and wholesalers in recent years have been joined by fashionable restaurants, offices and artists' studios, was hit hard by the quake.

Five people died under a torrent of bricks when the 15-second upheaval wrenched off the top of a four-storey building and sent it tumbling onto a narrow street.

As for damage, "South of Market is the second-most affected area of San Francisco," said Michelle Pla, spokeswoman for the city's bureau of building inspection. Pla said dozens of buildings were "red-tagged" — or judged unsafe.

The most affected city district was the Marina, an affluent neighbourhood where entire apartment buildings crumpled and burned.

"Everyone feels sorry for the people in the Marina," said Eric Pryor, whose South of Market residential hotel was red-tagged. "But the people here are also victims of what I call the social disaster in the city — the real victims."

For some of the most unfortunate of the neighbourhood's displaced, the quake also took their jobs. Goodwill Industries was forced to lay off about 150 people after suffering \$2 million in property damage and \$3 million in equipment damage at its 83-year-old headquarters.

City and relief officials had no count of South of Market residents made at least temporarily homeless. For many, a traumatic time has been made worse by being moved to different shelters.

While its residents differ from those of the Marina, South of Market is like that neighbourhood in that areas most devastated are built on fill — rubble, mud and sand extending the original shoreline into San Francisco Bay.

South of Market was hard hit also because many of its buildings are decades old and often unreinforced.

will strike Japan.

"It's not clear how strong an earthquake even steel or reinforced concrete buildings could withstand, say, a seven or an eight magnitude quake," said a spokesman for Tokyo land developer the Mori Building Company.

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# Spain's lone cathedral builder

## 'In love' with monastic way of life

MEJORADA DEL CAMPO, Spain, Nov 3, (Reuters): In a dusty town in central Spain a 64-year-old man in two overcoats and a beret is building a cathedral single-handed.

Justo Gallego, a former monk, has toiled for 27 years on his quixotic enterprise. Rising some 15 metres (165 feet) in length, the unfinished structure is as unbelievable as it is awkward.

Gothic and Romanesque arches are built from bricks either scavenged or donated and smeared unevenly with concrete facing.

The stagger under the weight of rounded turrets while a makeshift roof of corrugated iron keeps out the rain until a planned 10-metre (33 foot) spire can be

finished.

The interior feels anything but sacred. Amid the usual builders' rubble lies a sofa piled high with rags. Chalk scrawled messages on the walls read: "Any donations to finish this work gratefully accepted."

Hidden in the back streets of Mejorada Del Campo, a quiet rural town, the entire cathedral is being designed and built by Gallego, with occasional help from two local youths.

"I am the happiest man in the world, there's no other, no competition," he said, tightening the twine that girds his coasts before breaking off for prayer and a lunch of bread and oranges.

He labours for 12 hours every day except Sunday, eats and drinks sparingly —

"water, water, and no meat" — and admits to only one vice, a shallow cup of coffee in the morning.

Forced to leave the priesthood at the age of 37 after a bout of tuberculosis, Gallego decided to follow his vocation in a less orthodox manner.

He told land he had inherited and without plans, permission or know-how, began a life's work. What little money Gallego does not spend on the cathedral goes to the poor.

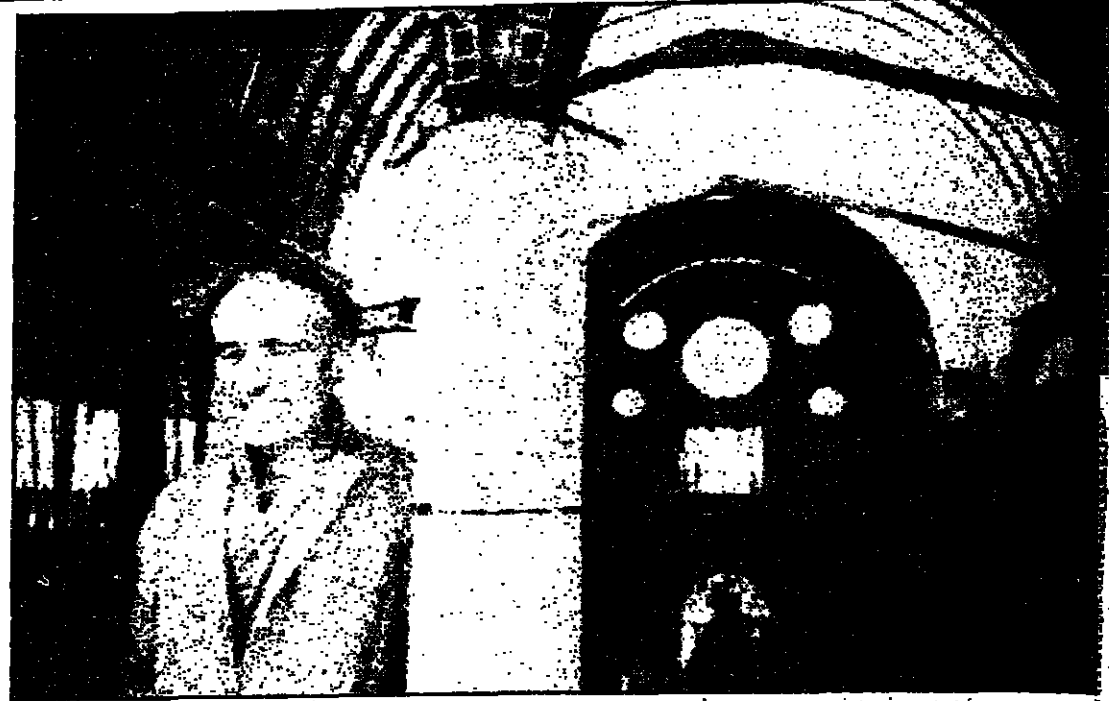
Professing to be "in love" with the monastic life he has chosen, he speaks with passion of penitence and sacrifice, screwing up his unshaven, sunbaked face, raising his voice, his small, wiry frame tense. He pulls off his beret to show an uneven

stubble of grey hair. "Yesterday I had a haircut and I cut it myself. Can you believe I live on just 100 pesetas (80 cents) a day? I could have had a Mercedes years ago..."

With no training in architecture, Gallego has relied on raw enthusiasm for the church's singular design.

"That door is like the White House in America," he said. "I take ideas from books. I've tried to make it a Latin cross with some Romanesque, and the outside like a castle or a fortress."

His offbeat project has provoked interest far and wide. A Japanese firm has promised an electric organ and a Madrid Marchioness gave a gilded wooden altar from her private chapel.



Former Spanish monk Gallego poses in the cathedral he is building single-handed. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Dinosaur intact

### King unearthed

BOZEMAN, Montana, Nov 3, (Reuters): In the dry, rugged countryside of eastern Montana scientists are carefully unearthing what they say is the most complete fossilized skeleton found to date of tyrannosaurus rex, the carnivorous "tyrant king" dinosaur.

The 65-million-year-old skeleton — virtually intact from its toothy head 12 metres (40 feet) down to the tip of its tail — will give scientists a rich opportunity to study the reptile, said Patrick Leiggi, a researcher at the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman and a leader of the excavation team.

"It is to me about the prettiest thing I've ever seen," Leiggi said in an interview. "There is no doubt in my mind that this is probably going to be the most complete tyrannosaurus rex ever found."

Tyrannosaurus rex — "tyrant-reptile king" in English — was a ferocious-looking, meat-eating dinosaur that has won a loyal following among school children and stamped a vivid picture on the popular imagination.

Fully grown, the tyrannosaurus was probably the largest land carnivore of all time — the skull alone was more than 1.2 metres (four feet) long. The creature was a biped, supporting its massive body, estimated to have weighed almost eight tonnes of powerful hindlimbs. The neck was short and thick to support the huge skull with its large, pointed and serrated teeth up to 15 centimetres (six inches) long. Its arms, however, were very small and useless.

Skeletons of the beast are rare. "You think it's a (scientifically) well-known dinosaur, and it's not," said Nick Hotton, a Smithsonian Institution paleontologist. Only five or six good skeletons plus some scraps "have been unearthed since the first skeleton was found in the early 1900s," he said.

The latest skeleton was discovered last year by a pair of fossil hunters in eastern Montana's Hell Creek formation, an area rich in dinosaur fossils. Museum of the Rockies scientists who were shown the bones recognized them as belonging to a tyrannosaurus rex.

"We got pretty excited about that," Leiggi said.

After beginning excavation late this summer, the museum team has uncovered the dinosaur's skull, pelvis legs and its complete backbone.

The dinosaur appeared to have died on a slope in a wooded area near a channel or delta and became buried before scavengers could eat it, allowing it to be preserved intact, Leiggi said.



Loude explains something enthusiastically to Share Bibi, 17, (left) and her mother-in-law Ta'dira, Kalash women. (Reuters wirephoto)

## A unique culture and religion

### The Kalash show staying power

BIRIR, Pakistan, Nov 3, (Reuters): Deep in the Hindu Kush mountains, Kalash women decked with cowrie shells from the sea 1,500 km (1,000 miles) away dance in the moonlight in an ancient religious rite heralding the grape harvest.

Senior Kalash men cluster together and recite praise for their male ancestors how many goats each had, how great were the feasts they gave, how many enemies they killed.

The women echo the chant, shuffling slowly round in lines, arms entwined around each other's shoulders in a holy grove high in the remote Birir valley of northwest Pakistan.

For 500 years the Kalash have resisted submergence in the surrounding sea of Islam, keeping alive one of the world's smallest religions through ceremonies such as this.

It has been a hard battle. Only 2,500 to 5,000 Kalash remain, living in three valleys beside the Afghan border where they practice a form of polytheism. Traditional worship includes sacrifice of animals and divination through shamans.

"The Kalash religion has been under pressure from the Muslim world for five centuries," says French anthropologist Jean-Yves Loude.

"It's very, very rare to see an identity resist such a long time," he said.

Loude and his wife Vivienne Lievre have spent 12 years studying the Kalash, including two-and-a-half years living in the valleys. The

two anthropologists from Lyons devote themselves to keeping alive a unique religion and culture beset by relentless pressure from the world outside.

"There are so many stories in the Kalash culture," Loude said, cracking walnuts shaken from a nearby tree. "I've spent 12 years of my life collecting them and it's never finished, every day I'm learning more."

"At the moment I'm working with an old man, he knows a lot of things. But when he dies I am really afraid about the knowledge, because it's a free knowledge, a free teaching, you learn the tradition by attending the festivals."

"Now the Kalash are starting to ask me (about their traditions)."

The two anthropologists take an active part in the ceremony.

Lievre and Catherine Le Flochmoan, a visiting doctor from Brittany, join the women dancers, dressed in the ceremonial Kalash ankle-length black dresses. A richly decorated head-dress of white cowrie shells, beads, buttons and little bells hang far down their backs like a horse's mane.

Loude cantered around in the semi-darkness, his arms linked with two Kalash men. They rush up to the lines of women, bleating like goats, a traditional fertility rite that adds a raucous note.

Fewer than 100 Kalash turn up to the ceremony. Once, all Birir, several hundred people, would have been there.

Co-religionists across the Afghan border in

Nooristan were forcibly converted to Islam in the 19th century with great brutality but Kalash here suffered no such assault. Pakistan, 95 per cent Muslim, gives special rights to minorities.

"We are not making any deliberate attempt to assimilate them, the government has been trying to preserve their culture as they are," said Imtiaz Ahmad Khan, deputy commissioner for Chitral, the region that includes the Kalash valleys.

The threat is more insidious. Young Kalash men who leave the valleys come under strong pressure from Muslims, who call them "kafirs" (pagans), Loude said.

Some convert to get work some poor men who cannot afford to marry according to local custom "embrace Islam" to do so.

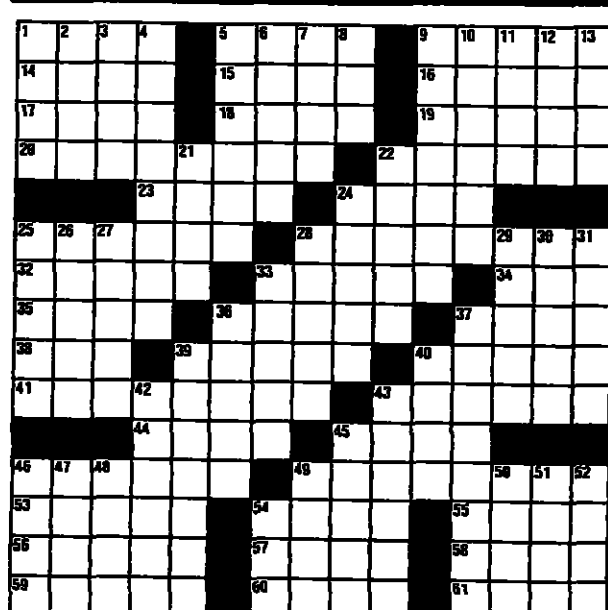
Many Muslims have moved into the valleys and a Kalash woman who marries one has to change her religion, swapping her cowrie shells for the Islamic headscarf.

Schools are often next to mosque and schoolbooks are based on Islamic history and institutions, though Loude is planning a textbook that draws on Kalash traditions and ancestral heroes.

Another threat comes from Christian missionaries, who preach that their religion and that of the Kalash are virtually the same.

Contact with the outside world brings the lure of consumer goods and modern technology to an isolated community, where traditionally a man accumulated wealth to share with the rest of society.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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  - 9 — "Without a Cause"
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  - 15 Wading bird
  - 16 Muse of poetry
  - 17 Wings
  - 18 Actor Hackman
  - 19 Shows of bad temper
  - 20 Seethes
  - 22 Part of USA
  - 23 Heroic poetry
  - 24 Chow —
  - 25 Olympian
  - 28 Horse-drawn vehicle
  - 32 Related on the mother's side
  - 33 Flies like a butterfly
  - 34 — and Abner
  - 35 Curves
  - 36 Belonging to "that talking horse"
  - 37 Ballet bend
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  - 39 Scorches
  - 40 — cannon
  - 41 Kind of eye or eel
  - 43 Ford follower
  - 44 Great
  - 45 Legal document
  - 46 Museum guide
  - 49 — "the Jackal"
  - 53 Separate
  - 54 Oxford, for one
  - 55 Note —
  - 56 — cabinet
  - 57 Crucifix
  - 58 Take on cargo
  - 59 Ruhr Valley city
  - 60 Snakes
  - 61 Of time
- DOWN**
- 1 Baker's unit
  - 2 Shield border
  - 3 Close
  - 4 Weatherman's concern
  - 5 Gentleman of Verona
  - 6 Encourages
  - 7 Containers
  - 8 Utilize
  - 9 Excites again
  - 10 Verdi opera
  - 11 Creel contents
  - 12 Major follower
  - 13 At a —
  - 21 Fencer's weapon
  - 22 Works by a Spanish muralist
  - 24 "Downstairs" personages
  - 25 — Kirkpatrick
  - 26 Sign up
  - 27 Mother-of-pearl
  - 28 Jose Luis of
  - 29 Matte out
  - 30 Sombance
  - 31 Moslem ruler
  - 33 Weak
  - 36 Earn
  - 37 Easily carried
  - 39 Suffragette
  - Elizabeth
  - 40 "The best — schemes of..."
  - 42 Dear, in Paris
  - 43 Sets of beliefs
  - 45 " — it up"
  - 46 Freshwater fish
  - 47 Musical work
  - 48 Train components
  - 49 Part of TAE
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  - 51 Wave, in Venice
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## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

### ANOTHER VICTIM FOR THE COUNT

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♦ Q 10 8 4 3  
♣ Void

**WEST**  
♠ A 6  
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♦ A 9 7  
♣ J 6 4 3 2

**EAST**  
♠ Q  
♥ 10 8 2  
♦ K 6 5  
♣ K Q 10 9 7 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ 10 9 8 5 3  
♥ A K 6 3  
♦ J 2  
♣ A 8

The bidding:  
North East South West  
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4 ♠ Dbl 4 ♠ Pass  
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Three of ♣  
He was known at the table as the Count, not so much for his debonair air as for never forgetting to construct all the hands no matter how simple the contract seemed. Here's an example of his technique.

North's jump to four clubs conventionally showed a spade raise with first-round club control. Since that duplicated South's ace, and opener had the minimum the law

allowed for an opening bid, South wasted no time in signing off at four spades.

In response to his partner's double, West dutifully led a club taken by the ace. Since there was no way to avoid losing two diamond tricks, the fate of the contract hinged on declarer losing no more than one trick in trumps. Would you finesse for the queen?

The Count set about his usual business. East surely had the king and queen of clubs as well as length in the suit. Had West held both king and ace of diamonds, he would have led one, so East had at least three points in diamonds and a total of eight or nine HCP in the minors. If he had the ace of spades as well, he would undoubtedly have opened the bidding.

With the location of the ace marked with West, it was simply a matter of deciding whether trumps were 2-1 or 3-0. Since neither opponent had contested the auction, the former was more likely, so declarer led the ten of spades and, when West produced the six, rose with the king in dummy to fells the bare queen.

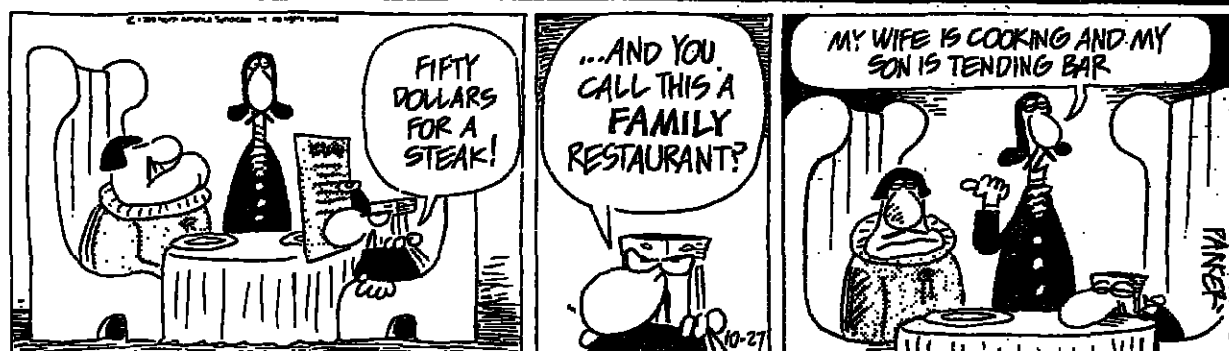
Bridge is such a simple game.



"I wouldn't pay all that for a dress while you're still growing."

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

<p><b>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</b></p> <p>Mars' better influence will help you to cope with a current problem which cannot be solved overnight. You should show a little more goodwill towards others. You will not be able to have your own way in all things and you should not even try. Be considerate.</p>	<p><b>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</b></p> <p>You will be able to make better progress than you had thought possible. Your lucky numbers are 14 and 29. Avoid succumbing to negative thoughts or considerations. Show just a little more determination. Be punctual.</p>	<p><b>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)</b></p> <p>You will have to do something to overcome a resentment that is really unfounded. And you should try to show a little more forgiveness towards others. Take better care of your health. Be practical.</p>	<p><b>Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)</b></p> <p>You will have lots to be pleased about. Something you have been trying to learn will now become easier. Listen closely to what others are saying to you. Be magnanimous.</p>
<p><b>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</b></p> <p>You should try not to lose sight of your objectives. Do not place too much trust in someone you do not know very well. Avoid becoming flustered and do only one thing at a time. Be observant.</p>	<p><b>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</b></p> <p>Something you have been trying to do for some time will now become more possible. You should avoid being aggressive. Do not allow work to become predominant in your life. Be relevant.</p>	<p><b>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)</b></p> <p>Make sure that you are correctly dressed for the weather and occasion. You will have to do something to curb a tendency towards extravagance. Do not try to postpone what should be done now. Be resourceful.</p>	<p><b>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)</b></p> <p>You will be able to do something to make your personal life more satisfactory. Do not forget something you have promised to do. Do not dwell too much on the past. Be hopeful.</p>
<p><b>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</b></p> <p>You should make sure that you do not break a promise. Do not eat so much or little that a drastic change in your weight results. Do not let yourself be deceived by sales talk. Be tactful.</p>	<p><b>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</b></p> <p>Mars' better influence will help you to deal with a personal matter. You should make sure you do not break any limits, speed or otherwise. Do not expect others to be always at your disposal. Be sincere.</p>	<p><b>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</b></p> <p></p>	<p><b>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</b></p> <p>You will tend to be rather listless and will have to pull yourself together. Do not allow yourself to be daunted by the difficulties. Not all will be to your liking but some things will be. Be moderate.</p>

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## SPORTS

## Liverpool can steal march on Everton

LONDON, Nov 3. (Reuters): Those footballers who ponder writing off Liverpool after two defeats in succession late last month were quickly put in their place when they beat resurgent Tottenham on Sunday.

The English title favourites went back to the top of the League, courtesy of a John Barnes goal, and could quite easily stay there until the end of the season.

Tomorrow mid-table Coventry provide the opposition at Anfield and statistics alone suggest they will be hard-pushed to grab even a point.

In 10 League games Liverpool have conceded only eight goals, four of those in one disastrous game against Southampton two weeks ago.

Despite the occasional eccentricities of goalkeeper Bruce Grobelaar, the Liverpool defence is one of the tightest around and Coventry with only nine goals scored in 11 matches hardly look the side to breach it.

City rivals Everton, one point behind Liverpool but having played one game more, visit Aston Villa in a televised match on Sunday.

Seventh-place Villa are improving after a modest start and success over Everton could provide the springboard for one of their best seasons for some years.

The only cloud on the Villa horizon after four League wins in a row was the news yesterday that their Ireland international Paul McGrath had been charged with bringing the game into disrepute.

He faces a Football Association tribunal after remarks he made in a newspaper about his former boss, Manchester United's Alex Ferguson, who let him move from Old Trafford.

McGrath claimed the United job was too big for Ferguson, but the Scot after a patchy start by his expensive signings may be sailing into clearer waters.

There was much to admire in the way they disposed of a vibrant Southampton last week and if they are to have any sort of season, nothing less than three points from tomorrow's trip to lowly Charlton will be enough.

On the other side of London, champions Arsenal, held 1-1 by Derby on Saturday, face Norwich while surprise packets Chelsea, lying third, entertain Millwall.

Tottenham, beaten but not disgraced against Liverpool, face a test of character at Southampton.

Bottom club Sheffield Wednesday, with only two goals in 10 matches, are already nearing desperation. A trip to Nottingham Forest, 5-0 winners of a League Cup tie against Crystal Palace on Wednesday, does not bode well.

**Results:**  
English Football League Cup third round replay  
Nottingham Forest 5 Crystal Palace 0

**Division One**  
Bournemouth 1 West Ham 1  
Brighton 1 Swindon 2  
Leeds 2 Plymouth 0  
Leicester 0 Wolves 1  
Oxford 3 Stoke 0  
West Bromwich 1 Newcastle 5

**English Division Three**  
Bristol Rovers 2 Huddersfield 2  
Exeter 1 Colchester 1  
Lincoln 2 Grimsby 1  
Peterborough 1 Stockport 0  
Scarborough 2 Chesterfield 3



Prost pulls on his fire-proof gloves before taking to the track. (Reuters wirephoto).



Senna sits pensively in his Honda-McLaren as his pit crew go over last minute details. (Reuters wirephoto).

## Romario's hat-trick takes PSV past Steaua

## Milan stun Real, Barcelona out of Cup

LONDON, Nov 3. (Reuters): Holders AC Milan ousted Real Madrid for the second time in seven months and Barcelona were scuttled in their Cup Winners' Cup defence on a bleak day for the giants of Spanish soccer.

Brazilian striker Romario struck a second-half hat-trick to inspire Dutch champions PSV Eindhoven to a 5-1 home win over highly-regarded Romanian Steaua Bucharest and give Milan something to worry about as both claimed their places in the last eight.

AC Milan, 2-0 up after the first leg of their second round clash, had their lead reduced by Spanish World Cup striker Emilio Butragueno seconds before the interval but held out to take the tie on a 2-1 aggregate and bury the hopes of 95,000 fervent Madrid fans in the Bernabeu stadium.

Real were reduced to 10 men when defender Manuel Sanchis was sent off 12 minutes from the end after fouls on Dutch star Marco van Basten and substitute Daniele Massaro in a scrappy game which had none of the magic of last April's semi-final when Milan overwhelmed the Spaniards 6-1 on aggregate.

Barcelona were knocked out

of the Cup Winners' Cup by Anderlecht of Belgium, while Italy's Napoli, deprived of Diego Maradona, nearly lost their grip of the UEFA Cup against obscure Swiss side Wettingen.

PSV were the most impressive winners, with Romario given a standing ovation after his triple strike in the 46th, 50th and 56th minutes.

Juul Ellerman netted the two other goals as PSV overran Steaua 5-1 on the night and 5-2 overall in a clash between two recent winners of Europe's premier club competition.

Benfica and Bayern Munich, whose names were inscribed on the trophy many years ago, out-gunned East European opponents to precede PSV and AC Milan into the last eight.

Marseille of France, Mechelen of Belgium, Dinamo Petrovsk of the Soviet Union and CFKA Sofia of Bulgaria completed the quarterfinal line-up.

Marc van Der Linden scored seven minutes into extra-time to give Anderlecht a 3-2 aggregate victory over Barcelona and gain revenge 11-years to the day after the Belgians — themselves holders at the time — were eliminated at the same stage of the competition by the Spanish side.

Julio Salinas and Aitor



PSV goalkeeper Hans van Breukelen raises his hands in jubilation after Romario scored his second goal. (Reuters wirephoto).

Beguinistain wiped out Anderlecht's 2-0 first-leg advantage with goals in the 49th and 56th minutes but Van der Linden killed off

the hopes a 105,000-strong Barcelona crowd had fostered of retaining the trophy they won in Berné last May.

Errant Argentine star Diego Maradona, who incurred the wrath of the Napoli management by arriving late for the start of the season, was banned from playing against Wettingen and said later he believed his career with the club was over.

Napoli general manager Luciano Moggi said Maradona had been banned for turning up for the game one hour before the kick-off after failing to attend training on two successive days.

Without him Napoli struggled, falling behind on 14th minute goal by Danish midfielder Brian Bertelsen. Second half strikes by Mario Baroni and Massimo Mauro just saw Napoli through.

Benfica savaged Hungary's Honved 7-0, recalling the predatory marksmanship of Eusebio who inspired the second of their two European Cup triumphs in 1962.

Cesar Brito, Vata and Mats Magnusson scored two apiece against the Budapest club, whose days of glory in the early 1950s belonged to another world.

Bayern, winners three times in a row between 1974 and 1976, overcame Nentori Tirana 3-0 in the Albanian capital after winning the home leg 3-1. Thomas

Strunz, substitute Roland Grammer and Hansi Dorfner scored the Bayern goals.

PSV's progress to the quarter-finals looked in gravest doubt when Marius Lacatus, scorer of the only goal in the first leg in Bucharest, put Steaua 2-0 up on aggregate with a 17th-minute header.

But the goal rush inspired by Ellerman and Romario carried the 1988 European Cup champions through handsomely against the Romanians, beaten 4-0 by AC Milan in last season's final — win the trophy.

Jean-Pierre Papin maintained his record of a goal in every European Cup game this season with an 85th minute strike which gave French champions Marseille a 3-1 overall win against Aek Athens, with the second leg finishing 1-1. Toni Savevski scored a 78th minute penalty for Aek.

Rascal de Wilde scored twice in quick succession in the 18th and 20th minute to propel Belgium's Mechelen towards a 4-1 victory over Malmö after a goalless draw in Sweden.

Johnny Bosman and Patrick Versavel added two more for Mechelen. Cup Winners' Cup champions in 1988, before Hakan Lindman scored a consolation goal for Malmö.

## Salim: one of the world's finest batsmen

NEW DELHI, Nov 3. (Reuters): Among the wild swings and deliberate edges common to one-day cricket, one batsman's style and grace stood out above all others during the six-nation Nehru Cup.

Salim Malik, cornerstone of Pakistan's innings as they beat West Indies in Wednesday's final, showed he is currently one of the finest batsmen on the international scene.

His 71 runs against the West Indies pace attack was a fluent reproof to others who eschew technique and rely mainly on a long handle and heavy bat.

Yet Salim's runs came no less slowly. His 50 was reached in only 36 balls, his full innings had lasted just 61 minutes when he made his first false stroke, a lazy wave at a ball wide of off-stump from fast bowler Curtly Ambrose which gave a catch to wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon.

Amid the hectic batting of the 17-day tournament it was an innings that would have pleased the purist.

Along with his six fours Salim did hit one six, but with a textbook stroke, his front foot reaching to the line of the ball, a full, straight swing of the bat to lift fast bowler Courtney Walsh back over his head.

It capped a tremendous 20 days for Salim in which he played 11 one-day internationals in two



Salim Malik separate tournaments and scored 539 runs while losing his wicket nine times.

Two days earlier, in the semifinal, Salim shared in the fastest scoring of the whole tournament as he and Rameez Raja tore England's bowling apart to

add 124 runs in just 12 overs and win for them a match that appeared lost.

Salim's share then was 66 from 41 balls.

His courage and ability to bat against the odds are nothing new. Three years ago he battled with a broken left arm against the fearsome pace of West Indies in Faisalabad with an innings which helped win the match for Pakistan.

Salim is part of a team welded together by captain Imran Khan that with successive triumphs in Sharjah and India must now be regarded as the best one-day side in the world.

Tired after joining the tournament late because of Sharjah, they stumbled to defeat in two preliminary round matches to England and West Indies.

They might even have lost to Sri Lanka but for a supreme batting display by Imran.

But Pakistan showed their depth of talent and belief in themselves by coming back to beat both their earlier conquerors in the semifinal and the final.

In the qualifying round, they crushed hosts India, who disappointed after winning their first three matches, and they disposed of World Cup one-day champions Australia with ease by 66 runs.

West Indies almost achieved the revival captain Viv Richards wanted and promised.

Five successive defeats in Sharjah and India would be followed, Richards said, by five successive wins.

They almost succeeded. Their 273 for five in 50 overs in the final was a large total but turned out to be not quite large enough as Pakistan, inspired by Salim and an undefeated 45 from Imran, gained a dramatic victory with just one ball to spare.

A restructured England, torn apart by defections to the rebel squad to tour South Africa in January and battered by a 4-0 Test series defeat at the hands of Australia, gained some measure of comfort.

Three straight wins made them the first to qualify for the final stages and they appeared to have done enough to win their semifinal until Salim and Rameez performed their magic.

Sri Lanka, the baby of the Test playing nations, can also return home with pride. Although with only one win in five matches, it was against the mighty West Indies for the first time in their short history.

But in the end it was the all-round strength and confidence of Pakistan that triumphed. And fittingly it was their captain Imran who was chosen Man of the Series.

## US, Europe dominate

TOKYO, Nov 3. (Reuters): The United States and European teams dominated the second day of play today to move into positions for a probable repeat of their clash at Sunday's finals of the million dollar Four Tours World Championship.

The USPGA team took a one-point lead over Europe after the second round of the world's four major tour team competition, winning four matches and drawing two against the Australia/New Zealand tour squad.

US and European golfers fought off a 6-6 draw yesterday.

The six-man US side, seeking for the championship for the third straight year, posted a two-round total of 16 points over the 7,017-yard Tokyo Yomiuri Country Club course.

Mark Calcavecchia and Ken Green both carded solid five-under-par 67s, beating Brian Jones and Craig Parry, who had a 70 and 71 respectively.

Curtis Strange and Chip Beck joined them with victories over Ian Baker-Finch and Greg Norman.

"The PGA Tour is in good shape. Everybody is well under par," said Tom Kite, the US captain, who drew with Peter Senior 69-69. "If we take 18 to 20 points, we can get into the finals."

With a win awarding two points and one for a tie, the four major golf tours of the world were battling it out in a 54-hole round robin team competition with top two teams vying for the \$390,000 championship prize in Sunday's final 18-hole play.

Ronan Rafferty, winner of this year's European tour, shot the day's best score of six-under-par 66 for the European team en route to a 9-3 victory over the Japan PGA.

"Most of our guys are playing very well, especially Rafferty and Olazabal," said team captain Bernhard Langer.



Helen (4th right) with other winners.

## Helen wins Goodyear event

DESPITE the humidity, 68 competitors participated in the Goodyear International Golf Competition at Ahmadi Golf Club last Friday.

Twelve-year-old, Helen Atkinson played off handicap of 35, won the competition with a score of 62 net. Second & Third places were decided on countback. A.R. Hussain (8) & A.V. Ridding (9) respectively with a net score of 67.

The longest drive for men was claimed by D. Tonks, while for the ladies it was claimed by Gill McKinnon. None of the ladies managed to get near the pin. For men the prize for the nearest to the pin was won by A.R. Hussain.

Prizes were distributed by Fahad Abdulhadi Al Mallen and Neal Valentine, area manager, Goodyear International.

## Ranatunga to lead Lankans

COLOMBO, Nov 3. (Reuters): Sri Lanka's cricket selectors have named Arjuna Ranatunga to lead Sri Lanka on their three-month tour of Australia starting November 14.

Ranatunga led Sri Lanka in the recently concluded Nehru Cup in India where they scored their first win over the West Indies. He is yet to lead the country in a Test.

On their previous visit to Australia, Sri Lanka were beaten by an innings in the only Test they played. Their captain on that tour, Ranjan Madugalle, has been in poor form recently.

A talented left-hand batsman, Ranatunga marked his debut test cricket with a half century against England in Sri Lanka's first-ever test in 1982 when he was 18.

He has not looked back since and has emerged as Sri Lanka's most consistent batsman.



PBAK bowling tourney

THE PBAK 3rd Masters Bowling Tournament is currently being held at the 300 Club. Above: the organisers of the event (left to right) Hamid Shaheen (manager of Gold Medal Shop), Dr Mohammed Mauryag Tamano (Philippine Ambassador to Kuwait), Cora Paras (PBAK executive vice-president), Adnan Khalil (manager of Far East Restaurant), Rico Pino (PBAK president) and a member of the Philippine Embassy.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Kuwait Open

THE 24th Kuwait Open Championship will take place at the Ahmadi Golf Course on November 16 and 17. Sheikh Jaber Abdullah Al Jaber Al Sabah, patron of Ahmadi Golf Club, will inaugurate the championship at 8.00 am on Thursday, November 16. Visitors are welcome to watch the golf on both days at the Ahmadi Golf Club. There will be many visiting golfers from all parts of the Arabian Gulf, participating to make the weekend a special occasion.

## US athletes

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov 3. (Reuters): A group of US athletes face almost certain suspension for travelling to South Africa to take part in five track and field meetings this month, the Athletics Congress (TAC) said yesterday.

## Women's hockey

NEW DELHI, Nov 3. (Reuters): Results of the 12-nation women's international hockey tournament today: South Korea beat France 12-1 (halftime 5-0); Italy drew with Scotland 0-0.

## Oreille triumphs

ABIDJAN, Nov 3. (Reuters): Frenchman Alain Oreille, driving a Renault 5, won the Ivory Coast Motor Rally yesterday, according to provisional results. Competitor Patrick Taurin in a Mitsubishi was second, and another Frenchman, Adolphe Choteau, driving a Toyota, was third.

## Shooting team

NICOSIA, Nov 3. (Reuters): Iran, where female athletes are barred from performing before men, will send women's rifle shooting team to the 1990 Asian Games in Beijing.

## Maradona's row

NAPLES, Italy, Nov 3. (Reuters): Diego Maradona and his Napoli club appeared yesterday to have put behind them a bitter row sparked by the surprise exclusion of the Argentine World Cup captain from the UEFA Cup tie. Maradona appeared for training with the squad, said he would play in an Italian League match on Sunday and made clear he would make no further comment on Wednesday's match ban.

## Horse sickness

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Nov 3. (Reuters): The International Equestrian Federation (FIE) has until the end of next year to recommend whether the equestrian events at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics should be re-sited because of the prevailing African horse sickness in Spain.

## Title fight

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Nov 3. (UPI): Roberto Duran says he tricked Sugar Ray Leonard into fighting for Leonard's World Boxing Council super middleweight title on Dec 7. "I got fat purposely, so Leon, and sign a contract (to fight) said Duran yesterday."

## AL manager

NEW YORK, Nov 3. (Reuters): Frank Robinson of the Baltimore Orioles was named American League Manager of the Year on Wednesday for guiding his team's remarkable turn of fortune in 1989.

## Rebel tour

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 3. (Reuters): The rebel English cricket tour of South Africa, which has outraged foreign and domestic anti-apartheid groups, may be postponed or even cancelled, a leading opposition newspaper said today.

## Right direction

HELSINKI, Nov 3. (Reuters): Finnish coach Jukka Vakkila has resisted the temptation to make wholesale changes to his squad for the World Cup soccer qualifier against the Netherlands following a 6-1 drubbing by West Germany last month. "After every defeat you must think about a new team but I think we are going in the right direction," he said.

## Welsh venues

CARDIFF, Nov 3. (Reuters): The Welsh Football Association is dropping Wrexham and Swansea as international venues and will stage all the national team's matches in Cardiff, association secretary Alan Evans said yesterday.

## Ireland midfielder

LONDON, Nov 3. (Reuters): Ireland international midfielder John Sheridan parted company with Nottingham Forest yesterday after playing just one first team game for the English First Division soccer club.

## Televised match

GLASGOW, Nov 3. (Reuters): Scotland soccer manager Alex Ferguson accused the English League and television authorities of impeding Scotland's World Cup progress on the day he named his squad for their final qualifying match against Norway here on November 15. Ferguson is furious that England's Independent Television have scheduled Manchester United's clash with Nottingham Forest for live transmission three days before the vital European Group Five match.

## ITF slammed

NEW YORK, Nov 3. (Reuters): The Association of Tennis Professionals blasted the International Tennis Federation on Wednesday for planning to upstage it with a \$6 million season-long "Slam" finale and threatened retaliation. "The Grand Slam exhibition is a blatant and petty attempt by the ITF and the slams to disrupt the new (ATP) Tour which the elite ITF leadership and the Grand Slam have steadfastly opposed," the ATP said in a statement.

## Golden Ball

NAPLES, Italy, Nov 3. (AP): Neapolitan soccer fans will raise money to buy their team star, Diego Maradona, a replica of his stolen Golden Ball. "It's a sign of gratitude and of affectionate solidarity by the city of Naples to its most beloved champion," read the announcement of the Naples club grouping Napoli's organized fans.



## SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## UEFA Cup

ZURICH, Nov. 3. (Reuters): Third round draws for the European Football Union's UEFA Cup made today were Juventus (Italy) vs Karlsruher (Germany), Napoli (Italy) vs Eintracht Frankfurt (Germany), Fiorentina (Italy) vs Borussia Dortmund (Germany), and Dynamo Kiev (Soviet Union) vs Rapid Vienna (Austria). The first round of the competition will be played on Thursday, November 9, and the second round on Friday, November 10. The competition will be played on a two-legged basis, with the first leg on Thursday, November 9, and the second leg on Friday, November 10. The competition will be played on a two-legged basis, with the first leg on Thursday, November 9, and the second leg on Friday, November 10.

## Marathon race

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (Reuters): Belayneh Densamo and Ingrid Kristensen, the world's fastest man and woman respectively, head a strong field for Sunday's 26th New York Marathon. Officials said it was the first time that the men's and women's holders of the world's best times for the 42.195-km distance had both entered for the same race.

## Top horse

MALANDALE, Fla., Nov. 3. (Reuters): Easy Goer, winner of eight of 10 races this year, should see up the title of American Horse of the Year if he lives up to his ranking as favourite for the \$3 million classic at the Breeders' Cup tomorrow.

## Stockholm Open

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 3. (Reuters): Boris Becker, back on the Grand Prix circuit after injury, faces formidable challenges from beaten Grand Slam opponents Ivan Lendl and Stefan Edberg in his defence of the Stockholm Open title next week.

## Rugby team

LONDON, Nov. 3. (Reuters): The five-nation rugby union tour tomorrow when they meet England at Twickenham.

## First Test

STRASBOURG, France, Nov. 3. (Reuters): France and Australia will be looking to the past for inspiration when they meet in the first Test of the World Cup rugby union tour tomorrow. The last time the sides played each other, in the semifinals of the 1987 World Cup in New Zealand, they produced one of the finest rugby matches in history.

## McNeil upset

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 3. (Reuters): Fourth seed Lori McNeil yesterday upset top seed Martina Navratilova in the first round of the St. Louis tennis tournament.

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## New Indian School holds athletic meet

## Louis, Rehma and Lekha emerge champions



Yellow House in action in the tug-of-war event.



Some of the winners.



Mrs Evelyn Monteiro distributes the prizes.

LOUIS MORAES emerged champion in the Senior Boys section while Rehma Lakshmi and Lekha Ramachandran shared the title in the Senior Girls section at the New Indian School's Seventh Annual Athletic Meet on Thursday. The meet was held at the Rumeetha Boys Secondary School grounds.

Red House, with a total of 119 points, emerged as champion after a whole day of close competition with the other houses. Haroon Mansoor took the top position in the Intermediate Boys section while Arvy Antoo and Wahled Al Mahdi shared the champion's trophy for the Junior Boys. Natty Letz emerged as champion among Junior Girls.

The programme commenced with a smart and impressive march-past of the athletes of the four 'houses' followed by the oath-taking ceremony. The school Head Girl, Shenz Karim took the Olympic oath on behalf of the competitors. The chief guest of the function, P. P. Nair — honorary co-administrator, board of trustees, N.I.S. reviewed the march-past and declared the meet open.

The principal, S. S. Ganju welcomed the large gathering of spectators comprising parents, students, members of the 'board of trustees', officials of the Private Education Ministry, principals of foreign schools, representatives of the Indian embassy and other dignitaries. The vice-principal, Dr. P. Soma Kumar, proposed a 'vote of thanks'.

There was a very keen competition between the four houses as the various events slated on the programme were conducted in an efficient manner and in split-second timing. The tug-of-war and the inter-house relays proved to be the most exciting events and sent waves of excitement through the audience.

A spectacular and colourful 'mass drill' by over six hundred students of standards 6 to 9, was the best part of the meet. A laudum drill display by the junior boys and girls was also a delight to watch. The participants in the drill displays performed in a well synchronised and rhythmic manner, which clearly proved the intense training imparted to them. It was a superb exhibition of skill and co-ordination! Both items drew repeated applause from the spectators.



The principal of the school with the chiefs guests and sponsor of the school.



Khan's team wins the staff relay race.



Girls in action in the skipping race. (Photos by Mohammed Bedaq)

## Maradona hits Italian youth

NAPLES, Italy, Nov. 3. (Reuters): A teenage Napoli football fan has accused Diego Maradona of punching him in the face for following the soccer club's superstar on a scooter.

Diego Minieri, aged 15, was admitted to hospital yesterday but Maradona has denied hitting him.

"Nothing is true... I haven't touched anyone. There was a boy who followed me on a scooter as far as my house. Then I told him, 'stop following me, I don't want

anyone at my home',"

Maradona told reporters.

Doctors said the boy was in a state of shock when his father took him to a Naples hospital immediately after the alleged incident yesterday afternoon.

The boy told police he followed Maradona's black Ferrari Testarossa on his scooter after recognising the star in Naples city centre. Maradona angrily waved him away, then got out and punched him in the face, the fan said.



## Pistons face Knicks in season opener

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (AP): The Detroit Pistons, saying they are more interested in being the best team in the National Basketball Association than the toughest, have a chance to prove it this evening.

The NBA champions face the defending "Atlantic" division champion New York Knicks when the regular season starts with 12 games.

The Pistons, last season's 'bad boys' who won a club-record 63 games en route to their first NBA title, are chucking that image following the departure of Rick Mahorn in the expansion draft and subsequent trade to Philadelphia.

"The bad boys are gone," all-star guard Isiah Thomas said. "We'll never get that special group of people together again. This is a new team, a different team."

But Thomas was fined \$2,500 for getting into two fights during the pre-season, possibly sending a message that the Pistons are not to be trifled with.

The Knicks have centre Patrick Ewing and power forward Charles Oakley, who promises to lead the NBA in rebounds, to oppose the Pistons.

"Patrick is the best centre in basketball," new Knicks coach Stu Jackson said. "He is going to be the focal point of what we do."

We'll still take the 3-point shot, but only after going into Patrick first."

Other season openers this evening included Milwaukee at Boston, Washington at Charlotte, New Jersey at Miami, the Los Angeles Lakers at Dallas, Indiana at Atlanta, Cleveland at Chicago, Denver at Utah, Minnesota at Seattle, Golden State at Phoenix, Houston at the Los Angeles Clippers and Sacramento at Portland.

New York won 52 games last season by making good use of an up-tempo game offensively and defensively, but the Knicks faltered when forced to slow down.

"By and large, it's been a success," Jackson said of the pre-season strategy. "We wanted to establish a philosophical foundation for the future. I think we got the message across that we're committed to getting better at halfcourt defense and with our passing. But we're not where we want to be."

That's not to say that the Knicks have abandoned their pressing defense and running game.

The Knicks are opening the season without Kiki Vandeweghe, whose strong perimeter skills was supposed to key the Knicks' improved halfcourt game.

## Navratilova reaches quarterfinals

WORCESTER, Mass., Nov. 3. (Reuters): Top-seed Martina Navratilova appeared somewhat distracted on her way to a 6-2, 6-3 second round win over American Andrea Leand at the \$300,000 New England tennis tournament yesterday.

The second-ranked Navratilova did not have much trouble with the hard-hitting 173-ranked Leand, but spent much of the 64-minute match trying to school the ball boys and girls in the art of their trade.

"If I seemed distracted, I wasn't playing distracted," said Navratilova, who faces fifth-seed and sometime doubles partner Pam Shriver in the quarterfinals.

"I was fighting with myself to concentrate, but I did it well when I had to," Navratilova said.

American Anne Smith, ranked 71, posted the upset of the night with a 6-4, 6-2 win over seventh-seed Helen Koles of Canada.

The unseeded, often-injured Smith, attempting a comeback from shin splint troubles, had few problems dissecting the 18th-ranked Koles's game and will take on fourth-seed Conchita Martinez of Spain in the quarterfinals.

In other second-round action, eighth-seeded South African Ros Fairbank ousted American Sandy Collins 6-4, 7-5 to set up a quarterfinal with second seed Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina.

Australian Liz Smylie won an unseeded battle with West German Eva Pfaff 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 and will next face third-seeded American Zina Garrison.

## Asian meet

NEW DELHI, India, Nov. 3. (AP): A record 34 countries have confirmed their participation in the 8th Asian Track and Field Championships, scheduled to begin Nov. 14, organizers said today.

Only 24 countries participated in the 1987 meet in Singapore. Athletes will be representing Thailand, North Korea, United Arab Emirates, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Iran, Brunei, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Bahrain, Oman, Japan, Kuwait, Indonesia, Maldives, Nepal, Qatar, South Korea, Iraq, North Yemen, Pakistan, Malaysia, South Yemen, Laos, Burma, Jordan, Syria, India, Lebanon, Taipei, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam.

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## McEnroe fired up after latest outburst

PARIS, Nov. 3. (Reuters): John McEnroe got fired up to play some breathtaking tennis at the \$1.26 million Paris Open yesterday, after yet another clash with a umpire.

The American third seed had a penalty point awarded against him for arguing near the end of the first set of his match with Austrian Horst Skoff.

For the first time in a career peppered with such incidents, McEnroe responded by playing irresistible tennis as he swept to a 7-6(4) victory.

The dispute came at 5-5 in the first set after McEnroe smashed his racket to the ground in frustration at failing to convert two set points.

A Skoff first serve was called out by a line judge but Australian professional umpire Richard Ings over-ruled the call and awarded the Austrian the point.

Angry McEnroe told Ings: "You're an embarrassment to the circuit. You're doing a professional job but what do I get in return — more bad decisions."

"You don't know what the hell you are talking about. You're a cheat. Give me a game penalty, big man."

Ings, who had already warned McEnroe, promptly awarded a penalty point against him and the American went on to lose the game.

But from then on he was at his brilliant best. He held serve, waltzed away with the tiebreak 7-3 and had Skoff scampering around the court like a rabbit on the run in the second set.

McEnroe was at a loss to explain the sudden change in his play. "I wish I could say it helped me," he said of the penalty point. "But it just worked out that way. I can't imagine it helped me."

"I can't explain it. He made a serve. The call was over-ruled and I ended up losing two points instead of facing a second serve. Maybe it did (help me)."

McEnroe, who faces 17-year-old compatriot and French Open winner Michael Chang in the quarterfinals, left court to a huge ovation from the Paris crowd who treat him as a kind of folk hero.



Yannick Noah (left) returns a shot to Brad Gilbert in the second round of the Paris Open. Noah lost 7-6 (8-6), 7-7 (7-5). Right: Becker checks his racket. (Reuters wirephoto)



Before the crowds were against me, it was partly my own fault and partly because of how good I was."

Earlier, seventh seed Alberto Mancini of Argentina, who beat Swede Mats Wilander on Wednesday, made a surprise exit to Australian Wally Masur after winning the first set.

Masur was in complete control by the end, winning 4-6-6-3-6-3 to move into the last eight.

Top seed Boris Becker of West Germany wobbled dangerously but did not quite fall in a tense

three-and-a-half hour match with Frenchman Guy Forget, ranked only 108th in the world.

Becker, whose first serve virtually deserted him and who made a string of unforced backhand errors, finally won through 6-7 6-4 7-6 against Forget, playing above himself with the vociferous support of the crowd.

But a Becker on a bad day still turned out to be marginally too good for a Forget on a fantastic day.

Becker was in spendthrift mood, wasting a 5-2 first set lead. He had three set points when he served at 5-3 and a fourth in the next game before eventually losing 7-4 in the tiebreak.

A single break for a 3-2 lead in the second set helped him even the match and the final set went with serve until 4-4 before nerves took over both players.

Forget double-faulted to give Becker the break but the West German responded by double-faulting himself on match point in the next game and then allowed the Frenchman to level.

Two more breaks followed, with each player double-faulting twice on his serve and, to cap it all, both managed to double-fault in the tiebreak which Becker won 7-3.

The West German, winner of the first Paris Open three years ago, meets Masur in the quarterfinals.



## SPORTS

## Sheikh Fahd receives various delegations

THE vice-president of the International Handball Federation, Potto Peter described the Peace and Friendship Games as a ship captained by a clever and intelligent master. Peter was received yesterday by Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad. He conveyed to him greetings of the president of the International Handball Federation. He also praised the organisation of the Games and the great facilities offered.

Sheikh Fahd received yesterday the Minister of Sports and Youth in Somalia, Idi Isahq who congratulated him on the warm welcome and excellent organisation of the Games. He hoped that the Games continue on regular basis, which came as an initiative from HH the Amir of Kuwait. He said that the Games holds many noble meanings, particularly bringing together the Muslim youths. He also hoped that the Games will continue in another country.

Sheikh Fahd also received yesterday the secretary of the Chinese Olympic Committee. They discussed arrangements for the forthcoming Asian Games due to be held in China next year and matters of mutual concern in sports field between the two countries. Sheikh Fahd also received an invitation to visit Beijing.

Head of the Burkina Faso delegation, Fakhrou Mohammad described holding the Peace and Friendship Games as "materialising the dream of all Muslims who have been thinking of meeting together." He called upon Muslims to preserve this great event. He said that the aim of taking part in this Games is not winning as much as it is making friends and achieving peace.

The Egyptian-Kuwaiti sports relations were discussed in length yesterday at the meeting of Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad and the chairman of the Egyptian Olympic Committee, Dr Abdul Karim Darwish. The Egyptian guest congratulated Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad on the success of the organisation and the Games in general. Sheikh Fahd assured his Egyptian counterpart of good relations between the two nations.

In another development, an invitation to visit Toronto city in Canada was submitted to Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad yesterday when he received head of the city delegation, Mahmoud Al Qarnawani, currently visiting Kuwait. Mahmoud explained to Sheikh Fahd the sports installations in the city which will be offered to the IOC in the city's bid to hold the 1996 Olympic Games. He also presented a gift to Sheikh Fahd.



Toronto Games bid

The head of Toronto's delegation Mahmoud Al Qarnawani (right) briefs Sheikh Fahd on various stadiums to be offered to the International Olympic Committee when Toronto bids for the 1996 Olympics.

# Pakistan fight back to outclass Egypt

## Kuwait defeat Saudi Arabia

PAKISTAN fought back after losing the first set to beat Egypt in a Group B match to reach the semifinals of the Peace and Friendship Games' volleyball tournament at the Qadisiya Club yesterday.

Pakistan, who finished fourth in the Asian Volleyball Championships recently and took the gold medal in the SAF Games in Islamabad a fortnight ago, won the match 10-15 16-14 15-11 15-11.

The Egyptians stunned the Pakistanis in the first set by moving into top gear from the start and also into a huge lead. At one time the swift Egyptians led 12-5

before the Pakistanis found their bearings.

The Pakistanis found their form for a while and started a fight for every point. The Egyptians led 14-6 but before they could take the elusive winning point, the Pakistanis clawed their way to 10 points.

The Egyptian team was better in their smashes in the first set and even seemed to better the Pakistanis in best component of their game — blocking.

The second set between these two teams produced volleyball of the highest standard — but only after the game had passed the halfway stage and the Pakistanis

seemed to be cruising to an easy victory after taking a 9-5 lead.

The Egyptians clawed themselves to within one point of Pakistan before their rivals won another point. From this stage onwards, every point came after long rallies, with neither team giving anything away.

For a moment it seemed that the Egyptians would also take the second set and widen the margin when they were 14-13 up and at set point. The Pakistanis, however, refused to wilt under pressure and had to tackle a brave Egyptian side which kept trying its best for the winning point.

The service changed hands after every rally and the crowd, most Pakistanis, seemed to be on its toes until Pakistan tied the match 14-14.

The Pakistani crowd, which had come to the stadium with flags and were very vocal in cheering their team, got a chance to cheer their champions a few minutes when the Pakistan took two consecutive points to take the set and even the match.

The Pakistanis were in no mood to relent and kept increasing the pressure on their opponents in third and fourth sets. They had a tough time in those events and the score is an indication of the fight that the Egyptians put up.

This was the second match for the Pakistanis, who had thrashed Tunisia in the first. After watching yesterday's match most volleyball experts said that Egypt would reach the semifinals also.

The Egyptians face Tunisia in their last match while Pakistan will meet the weak Benin team.

The teams expected to reach the semifinals from the other group are Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

In yesterday's volleyball matches, Kuwait outclassed Saudi Arabia 3-0. The Kuwaiti team faced no difficulty in taking the first set 15-6. The next set was more easy for the home team and they were even more miserly, giving away only five points. Kuwait completed the formality by winning the third set 15-7.

The second game yesterday saw Tunisia crush Benin 3-0 (15-0 15-0 15-2).



Action shot of the Pakistan-Egypt match.

## Kuwait edge Somalia in basketball

KUWAIT beat Somalia 66-60 in the Peace and Friendship Games basketball tournament to assure itself of a place in the semifinals yesterday.

This was the second victory for the Kuwait team and the only match they have left against the Syrians tomorrow. Kuwait led 41-32 at the interval.

In the first match, the Kuwaitis won 88-66 against Bahrain last week. Yesterday's match was a close affair with the Somalis matching the Kuwaitis basket for basket but the home

team proved that it was better of the two by holding on for victory.

In Thursday's basketball matches, Jordan crushed Indonesia 117-66 while Cameroon beat United Arab Emirates 76-61.

The Jordanians who seemed to have a fight at their hands when they only led 42-31 after the first half, seemed a different side in the second when they seemed to score on every ball that they threw at the basket.

The Indonesian side seemed to be at a loss in understanding their opponents who also changed their tactics. Not only did the Jordanians find their mark on nearly every three point attempt, they also gave an excellent

exhibition of lay-up shots.

The Jordanians hardly allowed their opponents to take any rebounds at their own end. They also fielded their reserves towards the end of the game but even the second string was too good for their opponents.

Jordan is favoured to take the basketball trophy with the main competition expected to be provided by the Kuwait team, but Syria is also a strong team and capable of producing an upset.

The Cameroon-UAE match was a close affair and the former led 39-28 at the interval. UAE tried to get back into the game in the second half but found the

deficit difficult to overcome.

Kuwait and Turkey Thursday crushed Palestine and Mali in the opening matches of the handball competition. All the four teams are in Group A. In the first match, watched by a capacity crowd, the Palestinian team which was gathered only 10 days ago to participate in this tournament, couldn't match their strong and well prepared Kuwaiti opponents. They were beaten 5-34, in a one-sided match. But still they won the applause of the full capacity crowd.

The two teams entered the hall together holding the Palestinian and Kuwaiti large flags tied together and exchanged gifts.

deputy chairman. He described the Games as unique and a pioneering idea for the whole Islamic world. He said that the success of Kuwait in organisation is a great honour to all Arabs and Muslims.

**Co-operation discussed:** Co-operation between the Asian and African Volleyball Federations, was discussed yesterday at a meeting held between the president of the African Handball Federation and office director of the Chairman of the Olympic Council of Asia. The African sports official will hold another meeting with Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad for more detailed discussions on the subject.

### BRIEFS

the Peace and Friendship Games, its noble goals and its effects on the Olympic movement.

**Egyptian official:** Chairman of the Higher Sports Council of Egypt, Dr Abdul Ahad Jamaluddin expressed his thanks and gratitude for the Kuwaiti officials and youths for the great show they presented on the inauguration of the Games. He particularly congratulated Sheikh Nasser Mohammad Al Ahmad, the chairman of the organising committee and Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad, the

**IOC journalist:** A member of the press committee of the International Olympic Committee, Spanish journalist Galisa Candy had an interview with Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad. He spoke about

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The Senegalese minister (right) with Sheikh Fahd.

## Senegal studying idea of organising Games

THE Senegalese Youth Minister, Abdullah Mukhtar said in Kuwait yesterday that Senegal will study the idea of organising the second Peace and Friendship Games.

Senegal will host the sixth Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) summit, as Kuwait is the current chairman of OIC.

The Senegalese minister said after meeting the deputy chairman of the Organising Committee of the Games, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad that a meeting will be held later with Sheikh Fahd and the chairman of the Senegalese Olympic Committee to discuss this issue. He added that he visited Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad to congratulate him on the success of the organisation of the Games and the inaugural ceremony.

Meanwhile, the director of sports at the Senegalese Youth Ministry, Ahmad Jah announced yesterday that Senegal was ready to hold the second Peace and Friendship Games. But he added that the type and number of competitions to be played can't be determined now and a future meeting will decide this.

He praised Kuwait for initiating the Games and hosting it. Jah expressed his pleasure over the warm welcome accorded to his country's delegation, stressing that this reflects the strong bonds between the peoples of the two countries.

About Senegal's participation in handball, Jah said that Senegal is stronger in soccer and basketball but they decided to take part in the handball in order to learn from the Islamic countries.

He thanked Kuwait, the Amir, government and the people for the great welcome and organisation of the Games.

## Kuwait in semifinals

KUWAIT and Guinea moved into the semifinals of the soccer competition, when Guinea beat Lebanon 2-0 in the only match played Thursday. Both goals were scored in the first half.

Kuwait defeated Lebanon 5-0 in the opening match of the Games on Monday. Two teams from this Group A qualify into semifinals. With the withdrawal of Brunei, only three teams remained and as Lebanon lost its both matches, Kuwait and Guinea move into the last four.

But the leadership of this group will be decided today when Kuwait play Guinea at 6.30 pm at Kazma stadium. Kuwait need only a draw to top the group on goal difference and thus meet runners-up of Group B.

But the battle continues in Group B, after another surprise by the Guinean team. They won a precious point from the mighty Iranians, who easily beat South Yemen 2-0. The first half ended with a goalless draw, but the Iranians totally dominated.

In the second half, the Iranians continued their pressure and in the second minute, Kuwaiti referee Al Jassas awarded them a penalty after an Iranian player was brought down in the penalty area.

Mujtahi Muharrami converted the kick. The Guineans did not surrender and went into action. In the 31st minute, Ubeid Allahi received a high ball from a direct free kick. The Iranian goalkeeper hesitated in coming out and Allahi scored the equaliser.

With this result, Iran and Guinea have three points each, with Iran top of the group on goal difference. But Iran has to play the equally strong Iraq in their final fixture, and Guinea have got an easier match against South Yemen, who lost both

their matches to Iran and Iraq.

With Iran and Guinea having three points each, and Iraq only two, all from two matches, the Iraq-Iran game will be the most decisive. Iraq has to win in order to qualify for the semifinals and Iran needs at least a draw to qualify. But all eyes will be centred at the other match of the group, Guinea and South Yemen.

A draw is enough to book Guinea's seat in the last four irrespective of the Iraq-Iran match result. South Yemen have lost all hopes of qualifying as they have already lost both matches they played. A win for Guinea will further complicate the situation and either Iraq or Iran will be forced out of the tournament.

Al Jassas pointed out that the referee's decision was made in accordance with his own judgement.



Taylor (centre) at the press conference.

## Aips president praises Kuwait

KUWAIT, Nov 3, (Kuna): The president of the Association of the International Press Sports (Aips) Frank Taylor yesterday praised Kuwait's organisation of the Peace and Friendship Games, currently in progress here.

Taylor, in a news conference held at Kuwait's Olympic Committee headquarters, expressed admiration for Kuwait's ability to prepare such a massive sports event in two months, adding "it would be impossible to do such a thing in the US and western Europe."

He thanked the supreme organising committee and Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad, who described him as "a human dynamo in making this event possible."

He said, Sheikh Fahd, who is president of the Olympic Council of Asia, is anxious to extend the influence of Asia at the world level in all sports.

Taylor lauded the success of the tournament's inaugural ceremony and the sportsmanship that was exhibited in the various games.

"The way that people have been brought from Africa, some

of whom probably only had a dream of competing in international events, represents unity and friendship," he stressed.

Taylor, who is visiting Kuwait for the fifth time, described it as a "small country with a big heart."

He also expressed admiration for the press facilities which enabled reporters to adequately cover the sports events of the championship.

About Palestine's membership in the Association of the International Press Sports, the international official said Palestine can submit an application, adding it is up to Aips' executive council to decide on this issue.

On international press ignorance of sports event in Asia and Africa, Taylor said that Aips does not believe in racial or political discrimination.

About Aips' role in providing its members with information, he affirmed the association's interest in this issue, pointing out that the executive council's objective is to concentrate on upgrading abilities of sports reporters, particularly in the soccer and volleyball competitions.

## Kuwait to host IOC's apartheid commission meeting

KUWAIT will stage the next meeting of the International Olympic Committee's apartheid commission on Feb 18, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad announced on Thursday.

Sheikh Fahd, president of the Olympic Council of Asia, had his proposal accepted by IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch during his visit for the Peace and Friendship Games.

"President Samaranch said he will attend the meeting. The Olympic movement is solidly against apartheid," Sheikh Fahd said.

Fekrou Kidane, chairman of the International Campaign against Apartheid Sports and Sam Ramsamy, chairman of the South African Non-racial Olympic Committee, prepared the ground at a meeting with the Kuwait minister of foreign affairs.

"He told us he had always supported the struggle against apartheid and would continue to do so

through the Kuwait Olympic Committee," Kidane said.

Sheikh Fahd also said he was confident the 1990 Asian Games in Beijing would be a success despite concern following the Chinese military crackdown against anti-government demonstrators.

Describing his August visit to Beijing, he said: I was worried when I went because of the reports, but I left with more confidence. I am glad I have seen what I have seen.

"Most of the stadiums and facilities were completed or nearly completed. All the preparations are on schedule and apart from the adverse publicity everything is going smoothly."

Sheikh Fahd, a member of the International Olympic Committee, said he was also hopeful that South and North Korea would field a unified team in Beijing.

The two sides are talking and seem to be making progress. I am optimistic," said Sheikh Fahd, who was designated by



Sheikh Fahd (right) with Sam Ramsamy.

Samaranch as chief negotiator in trying to persuade North Korea to take part in last year's Seoul Olympics.

"I have very good connections on both sides. Unfortunately we were not successful with Korea. It was very difficult. I have been

trying for a unified Korean team since 1979. You just have to keep on. Sport tries to repair the damage done by politics, we managed to persuade the two Yemens to unite in one team and it could also happen with Korea."

Sheikh Fahd is currently enjoy-

ing the success of the first Peace and Friendship Games which started Oct 30 and end Nov 12.

"We only had two months to put the package together, yet we managed to get 45 Islamic countries to compete in the five sports. If we had more time to prepare, I would have liked to increase the number of sports and have more participants."

"We have laid the foundation. I hope this will become a permanent fixture, every four years. Senegal has already said it is interested in staging the event."

Sheikh Fahd said the Games had an important role to play in improving the standard among Islamic countries.

"We need to close the gap on the rest of the world in certain sports and these games encourage the athletes to participate."

"In Olympics and major international competitions, our athletes do not have a great chance of winning anything. But here, the

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